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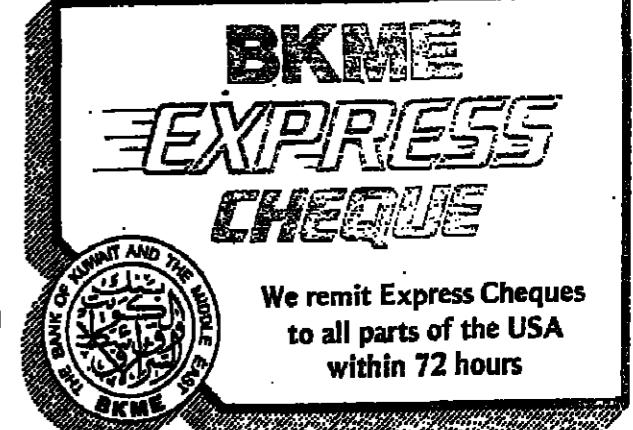
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## 40,000 children fall to Lebanon ambition

Unacceptable, unbearable, inhuman: Unicef

BEIRUT, June 5, (UPI): The UN International Children's Fund in Lebanon said today more than 40,000 children have been killed in 15 years of civil war and that an entire generation has grown up "with fear in their hearts and panic in their minds."

"Leave them in peace, give them a chance that might be the last chance of the country," Unicef representative Andre Roberfroid told a news conference at the UN Information Centre in Beirut.

"To all who have any responsibility, I ask them consider that children are no part in this conflict. childhood in a climate of war and aggression. He said that during 15 years of war the children have witnessed violence and aggression "as normal organisation of human society."

"Thousands of children have been subjected to stress and fear, of guns and bullets, of shells and bombs," he said. "They have learned to hide and live underground with fear in their hearts and panic in their minds."

The values of solidarity and tolerance as well as the wish to know and meet each other have almost disappeared, he added.

"Is this not enough? Will the Lebanese society, will the world tolerate that a second generation be soon hit and destroyed in the same way?" he asked. "Can we accept that there is no other way than aggressing children to resolve our adult conflicts and differences?"

Roberfroid said the situation must be denounced as being unacceptable, unbearable and inhuman. He said children were the prime and most severely affected victims and they bear no responsibility.

He said that according to most reliable records, no fewer than 40,000 children have been killed in Lebanon over the past 15 years as a result of direct human military aggression. Many more have been wounded, crippled or handicapped.

There are no official statistics on the civil war casualties except those gathered by the media and humanitarian organisations.

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They have nothing to do with the causes nor the objectives of this conflict," Roberfroid said on the occasion of the "International Day of Children: victims of aggression."

He said that in any conflict, basic needs of the children and their fundamental rights must constitute a minimum common understanding among all parties in conflict.

"It is possible to agree that at least we will protect the child and will secure his health, education and physical security," the UN official said. "Wherever they are, whoever their parents are, the children need health protection, schooling, safe home, playgrounds and loving families."

Roberfroid noted that an entire generation of Lebanese children was born and lived all its

## Soviet cuts not enough — Nato

BRUSSELS, June 5, (Reuters): Nato shrugged off fresh nuclear arms cuts announced by the Soviet Union today as a "small step" that fell far short of reductions wanted by the West.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said in Denmark Moscow would reduce its nuclear capability in Central Europe by 60 tactical rocket launchers and more than 250 nuclear artillery pieces, and it would withdraw 1,500 nuclear warheads.

A spokesman for the 16-nation Western military alliance in Brussels said Nato had repeatedly urged Moscow to reduce its huge tactical nuclear arsenal in Europe.

"The present announcement is only a small step in that direction and we expect more to follow," he said.

Nato, which has almost 4,000 nuclear warheads in Europe, had withdrawn more than 2,400 warheads over the past decade and recently agreed not to modernise nuclear artillery or its battlefield Lance missile, the spokesman said.

A Soviet embassy official in Copenhagen said the figures announced by Shevardnadze had not been disclosed before but were a continuation of unilateral cuts announced previously.

Shevardnadze told reporters the new reduction would mean only a small level of Soviet tactical nuclear weapons would remain in Europe by the end of 1990.

Shevardnadze also told 35-nation human rights conference in Denmark that Soviet differences with the United States over Germany's military future could be worked out in a compromise.

US Secretary of State James Baker planned to assure Shevardnadze at a meeting tonight that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation would undertake a review of its mission in light of lowered East-West tensions, US officials said.

Baker also will propose to Shevardnadze an acceleration of negotiations to remove short-range nuclear weapons from Europe, they said.

Before meeting Baker, Shevardnadze said only the victors of World War Two plus Bonn and East Berlin could decide the fate of Germany.

"The solution must be found within the framework of the six, and not anywhere else, behind the backs of the Germans or any other Europeans," he told the meeting.

Shevardnadze said there was agreement that only World War Two victors — the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and the two German states could resolve the issue.

The Soviet Union has reduced the number of naval vessels and military aircraft deployed in the Far East, Japanese Defence Agency officials said today.

Akira Hiyoshi, director of the agency's bureau of defence policy, said information from Defence Agency bases indicates the Soviet Union is reducing the size of its navy near Japan by decommissioning or mothballing old ships.

Gibson with Hawn

Hollywood burnout troubles stars. In an exclusive interview Mel Gibson talks about coping with stress. He "switches off" to regenerate energy. The father of six children and a heartthrob — Gibson is pictured with Goldie Hawn in the under-production movie Birds On A Wire. (Interview Page 17)

## Supreme Court rules for Enrile

Cory to abide by decision

MANILA, June 5, (Agencies): The Supreme Court today quashed indictments against Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and 22 others charged in December's failed coup, ruling invalid the crime of which they were accused.

Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan said the justices voted 11-2 against reviewing a 1956 decision overturning a charge called "rebellion complicated with murder." Two justices were absent or abstained. Fernan said:

"I think the Supreme Court, although the members are all appointees of President Aquino, remains faithful to their role as guardians of liberty." Enrile said: "I am happy

for the country."

Enrile and the others faced charges stemming from the Dec. 1-9 coup attempt, in which 113 people were killed. It was the sixth and most serious attempt to overthrow the government of President Corazon Aquino.

In 1956, the court held that killings that occurred during an armed uprising should be treated differently than crimes with more common motives. The court said then that defendants should be charged simply with rebellion, and not both rebellion and murder.

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## INTERNATIONAL

**Bomb blasts kill eight, wound 35 in Punjab**

Police alert for 6th anniversary of army assault on Golden Temple

CHANDIGARH, India, June 5. (UPI): Three bombs planted by Sikh extremists exploded yesterday in two cities in northern Punjab state, killing eight people and wounding 35 others during a traditional ritual in which Hindu children pass out sweetened water to passersby.

At least six of the dead and most of the wounded were children and many victims were listed in critical condition with the death toll expected to rise, police said.

The blasts occurred as police in Punjab

were on alert against violence on the sixth anniversary of the Indian Army's assault on the Golden Temple of Amritsar, Sikhs' holiest shrine.

The army staged the attack June 4, 1984, to oust a group of Sikh extremists led by the charismatic preacher Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala, who had occupied the temple complex and erected heavy fortifications.

More than 700 Sikhs were killed, including Bhindranwala and his closest aides. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who ordered the

assault, was assassinated four months later by two of her Sikh security guards in revenge for the attack on the temple that had outraged the Sikh community.

The first bomb exploded yesterday near a water stand set up outside a Hindu-owned school in Patiala, a city 45 miles (70 km) southwest of the state capital of Chandigarh, police said.

The bomb, hidden inside the baggage carrier of a bicycle, killed six children and wounded 22 others, police said.

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**Coup bid to oust Benazir**

Beg for iron hand

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bly and is the third largest group in Parliament.

But in September the MQM switched allegiance to the opposition Islamic Democratic Alliance, a coalition led by former associates of Zia, charging Benazir's PPP had failed to protect the interests of the Mohajirs.

The PPP-MQM alliance was a marriage of convenience, said an independent former National Assembly member and Benazir critic. "The MQM believed they could extract certain concessions from the government."

MQM sources say militiamen the party triggered the disturbances in Sind in a bid to topple Benazir and provide a return of martial law, in effect during Zia's rule.

The sources said the militants had hoped for support from the Islamic Democratic Alliance and felt betrayed when the IDA did not join in the fighting.

"The army's presence on the streets will not provide a long-term solution," said the former legislator. "Unless the basic issues are resolved, things will only get worse."

Chief of Army Staff General Mirza Aslam Beg said today that now that troops had been introduced in the troubled areas of Sind province complete and absolute normalcy would prevail in the province "within a few days."

Addressing the corps officers in Karachi he said that troops would deal with an iron hand with law-breakers, offenders and criminals irrespective of their cast, creed or affiliations.

General Beg said that every situation would be dealt with complete authority and impartiality to establish the rule of the government.

Referring to migration of ethnic groups from different parts of Sind the army chief said that those who were forced to leave their homes during the disturbances would be helped to return and get resettled with a sense of security.

Talking about the solution to Sind turmoil, General Beg said that it was a political problem and a people's problem, he believed politically on permanent basis.

An Interior Ministry spokesman categorically denied that 10,000 non-Sindhis had migrated into Punjab.

In a related development, President Ghulam Ishaq and Benazir held a 2-hour meeting mostly relating to situation in Sind.

**Killings stop, fear persists****Sri Lanka scenario**

COLOMBO, June 5. (Reuters): Sri Lankans called them "chicken farms" because they produced a regular supply of "broilers."

The farms were detention camps run by the military where suspected rebels were held during a left-wing insurgency that almost toppled the government last year.

At night, unmarked jeeps would drive through the gates, armed men would jump out, bundle a group of detainees into the vehicle and drive off into the darkness.

The next morning, a pile of corpses smouldering on the tyres would be found by the side of a road. These were the "broilers."

Walking through Colombo now it is hard to imagine that just a few months ago Sri Lanka was a killing ground where death squads were fighting a rebellion with cold terror.

A curfew has been lifted in the capital and troops are off the streets. With the Sinhalese guerrilla movement, the People's Liberation Front (JVP), apparently crushed, the celebration of May Day and its most holy Buddhist festival in high style last month.

On Colombo's Galle Face Green, a popular seaside promenade, a Soviet cultural troupe at a state-funded party entertained the crowds with juggling and acrobatics.

"It's as though nothing ever happened," said a leading human rights campaigner.

"This should be a time for prayer and remembrance. But no, the government organizes musical evenings in the villages and competitions, and marathon runs," she said.

Colombo residents say the party atmosphere masks an all-pervasive fear. Mass killings have stopped, but the threat of violence hangs over the island, muzzling the voices of dissent, silencing journalists and artists and preventing Sri Lankans from confronting the horrors of their past.

"There is a tremendous fear of speaking out," said a Colombo academic. At the height of the violence late last year, an average of 50 bodies were found each day.

Diplomats say 8,400 people are known to have "died in the carnage, but the real figure could be double that."

"Everybody who was going to be killed has been killed," said one Western envoy.

Colombo's middle-classes watched while left-wing rebels torched villages and anonymous "brokers" burnt on country roads in retaliation. But they were shaken by the murder in February of Richard De Zoysa, an outspoken journalist and celebrated actor and poet.

One night an unmarked jeep drew up to De Zoysa's house in a plush suburb of Colombo and armed men dragged him away. His mother, a doctor, watched her son disappear and two days later was called to identify his body, which was found floating in the sea, shot through the head and neck.

The initial government medical report said: "No foul play is suspected." Theories abound as to who killed De Zoysa, and why. The government claimed it was responsible.

"Look," said a former civil servant, now retired. "You speak out and you're dead. It's as simple as that. They come in jeeps and take you away and kill you."

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# Michael Jackson to undergo diagnostic tests

SANTA MONICA, California, June 15, (AP): Entertainer Michael Jackson was hospitalised in stable condition yesterday and undergoing tests for chest pains. His sister Latoya, said he was fine and she sent him a dozen black roses.

The 31-year-old Jackson, who had been ill for several days, became alarmed Sunday evening at his Los Angeles home when pain gripped his chest. His doctor drove him to the hospital.

"He wasn't moaning or turning over in pain or anything, but I could tell there was discom-

fort," Jackson spokesman Bob Jones said after seeing the entertainer at St John's Hospital and Health Centre.

"He's undergoing several important tests today. I don't think it was a heart attack. He just experienced some discomfort. He had been feeling bad the past two or three days," said Jones.

Jackson, 31, was rehearsing dance steps, which he uses as a form of exercise, at his Encino home when he began experiencing the pains Sunday night, his spokesman, Jones,

said.

The clean-living, lean pop star, who shuns alcohol, cigarettes and junk food, has no history of health problems. But Jones said the recent deaths of his maternal grandmother and of entertainer Sammy Davis Jr had put Jackson under some stress.

Brother Jermaine Jackson left the hospital afternoon and said: "He's lying in bed, resting comfortably."

The ailing singer received a get-well message from the White House. "President

(George) Bush just called to wish Michael Jackson well," said Jones.

Jackson is in the same hospital, on the same floor as his friend, Elizabeth Taylor. The actress has been recovering from a near-fatal bout of pneumonia and complications for nearly two months.

Miss Taylor was in stable condition yesterday, according to Chen Sam and Associates, the New York City public relations firm representing the actress.

The hospital released a statement yesterday saying Jackson remained hospitalised and

"his physician, Dr Steven Hoefflin, states that he will be undergoing several diagnostic tests."

No other details were released by the hospital, and inquiries were referred to Jackson's spokesman.

"I think he's fine. He just checked in because he wasn't feeling well" Latoya Jackson said in telephone interview from London.

"I sent them some roses, a dozen black roses. I think they are beautiful," said Miss Jackson, an older sister of Michael who is also a singer.

She said her brother has had similar chest pains in the past that required hospitalisation and his doctor blamed the attacks on stress.

Three flower-bearing Jackson fans spent the night outside the hospital.

Jackson was catapulted into the public eye at age 5 with the Jackson Five family pop group. He later left his brothers and became a one-man phenomenon.

The reclusive star has been celebrated as widely for his eccentricities as for his music and choreography.



Eyes his new room-mate

Snake expert David Williams, 25, eyes a deadly western brown snake. For 12 hours a day for the next two weeks David and five of the world's deadliest snakes will live together in a small glass snake pit in Sydney's Centrepiece Tower in order to raise money for the Australian Flying Doctors Service. David hopes to raise more than \$10,000 from the entrance fee. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Trump in trouble

### Banks seek assurances



opened two months ago, apparently has not flourished amid the plethora of casinos in Atlantic City.

The journal story followed a string of negative reports about how well Trump's empire is doing. Forbes magazine recently sliced its estimate of the developer's net worth to \$500 million from more than \$1.5 billion.

Trump consistently has maintained he was having no liquidity problems. After questions were first raised about his cash flow the developer was so enraged that he threatened to sue newspapers if they reported he was strapped for cash.

Trump's cash shortage is so severe that he may have to change his opulent lifestyle, as well as sell off some of his holdings, sources told the Wall Street Journal.

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The journal said Monday that

investors have grown concerned that his holdings including his three Atlantic City casinos, are not producing enough cash to meet payments.

The report said they had begun meeting with Trump and his aides two weeks ago.

Trump issued a terse but upbeat statement in response to the journal story confirming the talks were under way but calling them "co-operative and constructive."

In recent months the developer, while maintaining he wasn't having cash flow problems, has said he was considering putting some of his assets on the block, including the Washington-New York-Boston air shuttle he bought from Eastern Airlines for \$365 million last year. Trump said he wanted the

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For example, the developer's

plan to sell his Trump Princess yacht for \$115 million to Japanese investors had failed, the journal said quoting people familiar with the talks.

Trump's leaders likely are concerned

because of a downturn in the real estate market. Furthermore, the Taj Mahal, which

## Conference on women opens in Montreal

MONTREAL, June 5, (AP): Canadian parliamentary member Dawn Black yesterday told an international conference on women and power that support for female politicians must be more selective.

"It's not enough that we support women in politics," she told a session of 700 women and a small number of men at the Montreal Convention Centre.

"We have to support women who can promote women's issues, who represent the values of women and who promote the quality of women."

She spoke on the second day of the conference, which runs through Friday and is titled Women and the Many Dimensions of Power. High-profile women from around the world are attending.

Ms. Black, a member of the New Democracy Party who represents Vancouver, British Columbia, in Parliament, told conference that in recent federal abortion legislation, conservative women lawmakers supported the Conservative Party line.

"I call women like that horary men" commented Brazil's Ruth Escobar, an actress arrested 11 times by her country's former military junta. She was the first female member of Parliament of Sao Paulo state.

"My political experience has left me a little sad," Ms. Escobar remarked saying she was expelled from her left-wing party for supporting a more centrist female senator.

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## PEOPLES AND PLACES

ROSINE, Kentucky: Musician Bill Monroe earned a hometown hero's welcome at the Bluegrass Festival, where he was honoured with plaques, proclamations and a medley of kind words.

"It's hats off to Bill Monroe, the boy that made Rosine famous," festival organiser Stoy Geary told a cheering crowd Saturday at the "Hats off to Bill Monroe" ceremony in the town of western Kentucky.

About 25 people crammed onto the stage to give the 75-year-old Grammy award winner gifts ranging from a solid brass key to the nearby town of Owensboro to a petition signed by 30,000 fans in North Carolina. (AP)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Boat custody not child custody was the sticking point in the divorce of Michael and Diane Blair.

Circuit Judge Maril Reinhorn settled it, ruling Friday that Michael Blair could keep the former couple's boat, motor and trailer, but Donna Lynne Blair could use them on one weekend each month.

Attorneys agreed that Mrs Blair should get the boat during the hours frequently set for child visitation in divorce cases, between 6 pm Friday and 6 pm Sunday.

The judge also ordered Blair to show Mrs Blair how to operate the boat safely, and ordered her to return Blair's motorcycle.

Mrs Blair has been granted custody of the couple's 6-year-old son, and Blair was ordered to provide child- and other support payments. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Actor Tim Brown, whose career included a 10-year stint as rancher Ed O'Connor on TV's *Gangster*, as well as movie roles with such stars as Wallace Beery and Tyrone Power, has died of cancer. He was 75.

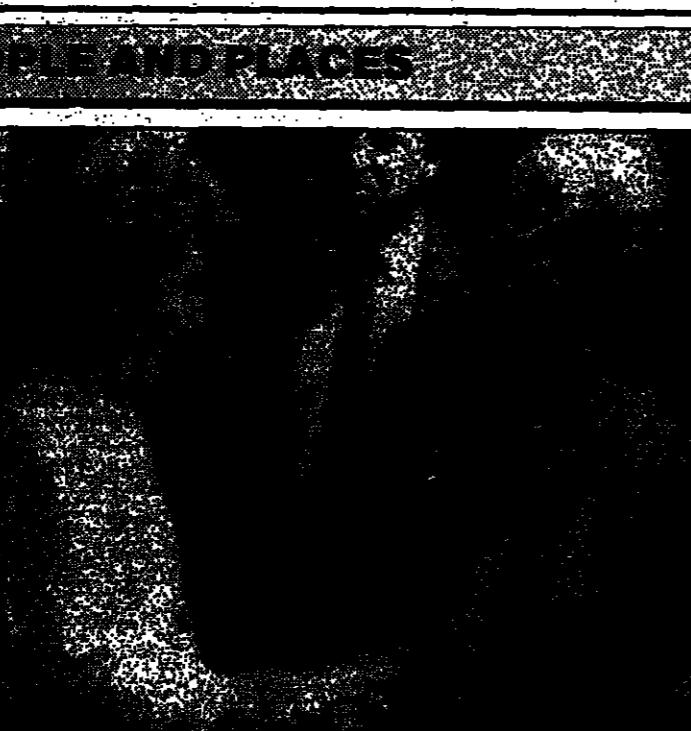
Brown died Sunday at the Motion Picture and Television Hospital in suburban Woodland Hills, where a memorial service was planned for Tuesday, said spokeswoman Linda Person.

Brown's career spanned 73 years, starting as a child sensation who appeared in highly visible advertisements personifying the Arrow Cigar Boy, the Buck Eye and Buster Brown. (AP)

PETERBOROUGH, Ontario: A Canadian college student who moaned during love-making and kept her neighbors awake has been evicted from her apartment building.

"She was a very attractive lady, but the judge said the moaning led to a substantial inability for others to enjoy their premises," Robert Balcock, lawyer for the other tenants, said on Monday.

The court heard that the moaning lasted from 30 minutes to an hour. (AP)



How did it go?

Raisa Gorbachev and Nancy Reagan bid farewell to each other following the Reagans' visit to the residence of the Soviet Consul-General in San Francisco on June 4. (Reuter wirephoto)

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NEW YORK: Jack Gilford, a sad-eyed comic, dramatic actor and vaudevillian who shone in featured roles on stage, television and movies, died at his Manhattan home Monday, a spokeswoman said. He was 82.

Gilford died after a long struggle with stomach cancer and had last been at a hospital two weeks ago, according to Marie Debeskey, a family friend and publicist. He was at his Greenwich Village home with his estranged wife, Madeline Lee, whom he died about 8 am (1200 GMT), Debeskey said.

Gilford was twice nominated for Tony awards in Broadway musicals — as Mysterious Mr. Wong in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and as Her Smitz in *Camaret*. He was Hysterion again in the movie film version of "Reindeer." (AP)

NEW DELHI, India: A bolt of lightning struck a park monument sheltering visitors from a violent storm in a central city Sunday, killing eight and injuring 20, a news report said.

The storm lashed Maharashtra state all day with heavy rains, Press Trust of India news agency reported.

It said all the victims reached a hospital alive after the lightning hit at the park in the city of Nagpur. However, the eight died at the hospital, and at least two were in critical condition, the report said.

Patricia Graves, 385 Gober Road.

## Victim's mother shoots at killer

HAMLIN, West Virginia, June 5, (AP): The mother of a slaying victim allegedly pulled a gun from her purse in a packed courtroom and fired at her daughter's accused killer from the witness stand.

Pearl Marie Abraham was charged with attempted murder after she allegedly fired a single shot yesterday from a .38 caliber pistol at Stuart Martin Elliott during the third day of his murder trial in Lincoln County Circuit Court.

Elliott, 25, of Hamlin is charged with killing Mrs Abraham's daughter and raping her 10-year-old grand-daughter in September. Witnesses said prosecutor Jay Hoke had just finished questioning Mrs Abraham when she pulled the gun from her handbag. The bullet hit the defense table and ricocheted into a door, but missed everyone in the standing-room-only courtroom.

Mrs Abraham of west Hamlin was subdued by a bailiff and the chaotic courtroom was cleared.

The judge ordered court officials to refrain from discussing the attack with reporters; this account is compiled from witness reports and the complaint filed by state police.

Elliott suffered a twisted knee in the brief scuffle. He was treated at Boone Memorial Hospital in Madison and returned to jail.

Lincoln County magistrate Helen McCormick released Mrs Abraham after she posted \$25,000 bond. She was whisked away by family members through a rear door without commenting to reporters.

Elliott is accused of murder, sexual assault, two counts of attempted murder and attempted arson in the death of Amnette Abraham and the attack on the girl.

State police said presiding Judge W. Jack Stevens told officers to refer all questions to Hoke until it could be determined at a meeting scheduled for this morning whether the shooting would force a mistrial.

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Foretich, a northern Virginia dental surgeon, went to New Zealand from the United States in February after the whereabouts of his daughter was revealed in a television programme.

Foretich returned to his Washington-area home two months after hiring lawyers to represent his case in the Christchurch family court and meeting his daughter for the first time in three years.

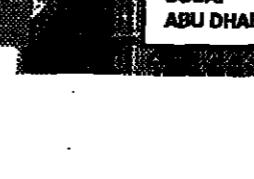
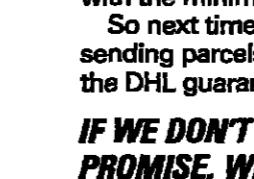
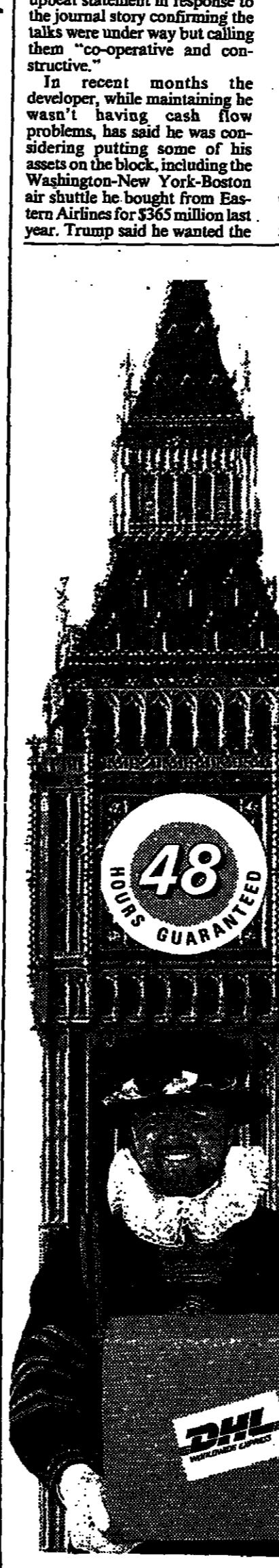
"I am not pleased with situation," the newspaper quoted Foretich as saying. "I am not pleased my daughter is living with Elizabeth Morgan or that certain assurances made to me haven't really been kept or followed through. But I've decided there's not much I can do about it."

## Hilary's father throws in the towel: gives up custody battle

Morgan, a Washington, DC, plastic surgeon, has accused her husband of sexually abusing Hilary, a charge he repeatedly denied.

Morgan has sought permanent residence in New Zealand to stay with Hilary, who has been attending school in Christchurch, where she has been living with her maternal grandparents for about two years to evade the court order. New Zealand's child protection laws give Morgan an advantage over Foretich in the case.

"The only issue is where Hilary is going to live," Foretich was quoted by the Star as saying. "I'm not even going to wage that battle. I feel she belongs back in America."



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## INTERNATIONAL

# Peru is strongly divided at polls

LIMA, Peru, June 5, (AP): The campaign for this Sunday's presidential runoff election is passionate and angry, with poll-takers saying that voters' energies are directed more toward defeating someone than supporting one of the candidates.

Many Peruvians are uneasy with both candidates — Mario Vargas Llosa, Peru's celebrated novelist, and Alberto Fujimori, a political neophyte — according to pollsters.

"At least half of Fujimori's supporters are people who are scared of Vargas Llosa," said Alfredo Torres, of the polling firm Apoyo. "Of those who support Vargas Llosa, at least a third are voting against Fujimori."

As the runoff approaches, polls show Fujimori with a slim but firm lead over Vargas Llosa, a novelist-turned-politician who champions the free market. Most polls show Fujimori, whose economic programme is less specific, with a 5-point lead nationally.

Vargas Llosa may have cut into that lead after his performance against Fujimori in a long-awaited, nationally broadcast debate last Sunday. An Apoyo poll of television viewers in Lima and six other cities showed Vargas Llosa winning 48 to 37 per cent.

The heated debate was marked more by personal attacks than by specific policy proposals. Fujimori accused Vargas Llosa of spreading "insults and calumnies" against him. The novelist said his opponent only "generalities and banalities" in his campaign.

Fujimori, an agricultural engineer and former university rector with no political experience, was the surprise of the election's first round. In the week before the April 8 vote, he surged past seven opponents to nearly tie Vargas Llosa.

Vargas Llosa received 27.6 per cent of the vote to Fujimori's 24.6 per cent. A runoff was required because no candidate received a majority.

Vargas Llosa has detailed his plans for resolving Peru's worst economic crisis of the century and for battling a savage leftist insurgency. Fujimori has avoided discussing in detail his plans to reverse Peru's slide into economic chaos and civil war.

Like Vargas Llosa, Fujimori favours getting back on good terms with the international financial community by renewing payments on Peru's \$19-billion foreign debt. Vargas Llosa and Fujimori also both advocate economic development rather than military-style repression to wean peasants from Peru's billion-dollar cocaine trade.

Vargas Llosa favours privatization of Peru's numerous state-owned companies, elimination of price controls and import barriers and an economic "shock" programme to combat inflation.

Fujimori opposes all three and thereby scores points with workers who fear for their jobs and with businesses that defend protective trade laws.

Vargas Llosa has questioned Fujimori's competence. Vargas Llosa's allies say Fujimori is a puppet of the discredited left-of-centre Aprista Party of President Alan Garcia.

An independent Congressman has accused Fujimori of evading taxes on the sale of his many properties and of illegally benefiting from an agrarian reform programme designed to aid landless peasants.

Even the Roman Catholic church has joined in. Upset that much of Fujimori's support comes from Peru's small but growing Evangelical Protestant community, the Catholic church has attacked the Evangelicals. Analysts say Fujimori is the real target.

The anti-Fujimori campaign, however, has revealed unexpected political values among Peruvian voters.

"Fujimori is perceived as less honest than Vargas Llosa. But this just makes him seem more skillful politically," said Jorge Castillo, of the Datum Polling Company.

Meanwhile, police raided the headquarters of the Shining Path organization, arresting 31 people but failing to catch the group's leader, Abimael Guzman, or his wife, officials said yesterday.

"A general barracks was found, the central nerve centre of propaganda and of intelligence of the subversive group," Interior Minister Agustin Manilla said at a news conference.

Manilla said 31 people were arrested at the stronghold, located in a large house in the elegant Lima neighbourhood of Chacarilla del Estanque, four blocks from Peru's Defence Ministry and General Army barracks.

We have planned birth, why not planned death?

# Suicide device tested

HOLLY, Michigan, June 5, (AP): The inventor of a suicide device says he hooked an Alzheimer's disease victim to the drug-injecting apparatus and watched her die.

Dr Jack Kevorkian said Janet Atkins of Portland, Oregon, used the device inside his van in a park north of Detroit yesterday afternoon. She pressed a button to trigger the machine, which injected her with a lethal dose of chemicals.

"The last thing Janet Atkins said was 'you just make my case known,'" said Kevorkian, a retired pathologist.

"We have planned birth, why not planned death?" he asked.

State police confirmed the woman's death and said they are investigating. Kevorkian said he notified police after Atkins' death.

Kevorkian said the 54-year-old woman,

her husband and a friend flew to Michigan because supplying the means to commit suicide is a felony in Oregon.

"She is a remarkable woman," Kevorkian said. "She was a housewife who travelled extensively. She taught English part-time. She played the piano. But the disease took away her ability to read music. She couldn't even spell any more."

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible degeneration of the brain cells that can lead to severe memory loss and dementia.

"She told me she wanted to take her life while she was still clear in her mind and knew what she was doing," Kevorkian said.

He contacted Kevorkian in October, he said. Kevorkian said he persuaded her to try an experimental drug treatment in Seattle in

an attempt to put the disease into remission. "At first, I was not going to let her use the device," Kevorkian said. "But the Seattle treatment didn't work. She told me she had pills and she was going to do it (commit suicide) anyway."

Neither the husband nor the family friend wanted to be near when the woman committed suicide, so they flew back to Oregon earlier Monday, he said.

The device involves hooking a person to an intravenous saline solution. The person can press a button that stops the saline solution and injects the drug thiopental, which causes unconsciousness.

Within a minute, potassium chloride is injected automatically, at a dosage high enough to stop the heart and cause death within minutes.



A police officer inspects June 4 the bullet holes in the car in which a lawyer Argueta was murdered in San Salvador. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Mass grave found

Detention camp in Chile

SANTIAGO, June 5, (Reuter): Chilean human rights groups have discovered a grave where dozens of people are thought to have been shot by firing squad and buried secretly after the military took power in 1973, officials said yesterday.

The remains of eight men with bullet holes in the chest were dug up on Sunday near the northern Chilean village of Pisagua, where a detention camp existed during the coup led by General Augusto Pinochet, human rights lawyers said.

"So far eight bodies have been found, but there is a pit where there could be another 20 to 25," regional Governor Nelson Garrido told reporters in Santiago.

She said 30 people disappeared in the Iquique region in the months following the bloody toppling of the government of Marxist President Salvador Allende, who died in the coup.

## Bomb blast

### Explosives expert killed

SANTIAGO, June 5, (AP): A bomb exploded in a second-floor hallway of the downtown treasury building last morning, killing a police explosives expert who was trying to remove it, authorities said.

No one took responsibility for the attack.

A treasury employee arriving for work alerted the bomb squad when he noticed a suspicious package outside an elevator, according to an Interior Ministry aide, Jorge Burgos.

The building, next door to the presidential palace, was evacuated and police explosives experts had moved in when the blast occurred, Burgos said.

## Argentines intrigued

Menem's marital break-up

BUENOS AIRES, June 5, (AP): The marriage of President Carlos Menem and his wife Zulema has the trappings of a fairy tale.

Children of Syrian immigrants, they met during a visit to the old country, married after a whirlwind courtship and raised a son and daughter while Menem's political star took him from a jail cell to a governor's mansion to the presidency.

Now as they are on the verge of a very public break-up their actions are the stuff of soap operas.

Mrs Menem denounces the father of her children as a "womaniser" and blasts his social policies as inhumane; his economic plan as doomed and his staff as corrupt.

After complaining earlier this year that telephones at the presidential residence were tapped, Mrs Menem walked out. Last month Menem did the same and has since slept in government offices and the apartments of friends.

Magazines and newspapers have revealed juicy facts and rumours splashed on covers and front pages.

Menem is laying legal groundwork to boot Mrs Menem from the residence if she won't leave on her own.

The whole affair is "grotesque," says Menem, 59. He usually refuses to comment on developments but said "I don't know whether to get mad or laugh" when asked about her claim he has been "kidnapped by his aides."

Mrs Menem, 46, declined through her press secretary to be interviewed on the subject.

Residents of this nominally Roman Catholic nation seem intrigued but hardly scandalised by the marital feud. Menem-watchers say it hasn't affected his policies, public image or relations with the church.

"Everyone knows their last reconciliation

was a political act to help him win the election" in May 1989 said Norberto Fernandez, editor of the celebrity magazine "La Revista."

"It's not a political 'problem' for him," said pollster Manuel Mora y Aranjo. "That's what she would like it to be but so far she hasn't been successful in making it one."

The Menems have had a stormy relationship for years. Both are ambitious, determined, quick-tongued and hot-tempered.

An avid sportsman who races speedboats and rally cars Menem has made no secret of his attraction to other women. Mrs Menem a striking blonde, has been linked with other men.

By some accounts, their marriage in October 1966 was arranged by their Muslim parents. Menem was reported to have been in love with a young divorcee he continued to see for years after the wedding.

Following the March 1976 coup that toppled President Isabel Peron, Menem a provincial governor and leading member of the populist Peronist Party, was jailed for three years then put under house arrest.

The couple did not get together immediately after his release. When they did they split up again in 1984. A second reconciliation at the urging of Papal Nuncio Ubaldo Calabresi came four years later on the eve of a crucial primary election.

"She wants a formal political position and he refuses to give her one," said a Peronist source who commented on condition his name not be disclosed.

During the election campaign the first lady-to-be tried to evoke comparisons with Evita the wife of Juan Peron who helped him win election as president in 1946 and endeared herself to millions of poor Argentines with her charitable works. Menem did not help; the effort flopped.

The IRA is trying to drive the British out of predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland and to unite the province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Republic of Ireland.

## Major shake-up in Belgium police

BRUSSELS, June 5, (AP): The Belgian government today announced a major shakeup of the country's police forces and law enforcement services.

The first such deep reshuffle in the history of the Belgian police force was the result of a devastating report by a special parliament committee set up after police failed to solve a series of mysterious slayings and prevent the bloodiest sports riot the country ever experienced.

Prime Minister Wilfried Martens told parliament that the government authority and control on all the police forces would be strengthened.

Belgium has four major police units. State police, city police, criminal police and state security.

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Talks appear near collapse

### Crisis over Quebec

OTTAWA, June 5. (UPI): Talks over a constitutional amendment giving Quebec special powers to promote its French language and culture appeared near collapse, increasing chances of the province's secession from Canada.

Despite the continued impasse, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney told reporters after nearly 10 hours of meetings with provincial leaders that negotiations would resume tomorrow. "We have a long way to go," he said, adding that discussions were "pretty vigorous."

The constitutional negotiations go to the heart of hostilities between Quebec and the rest of Canada, and the French-speaking province has threatened to secede if the measure is altered in any way.

The amendment, which Quebec has championed for three years, would recognise Quebec as a distinct society and give it special powers to promote and preserve its language and culture.

The Meech Lake accord, as the amendment is known, was drafted three years ago after Quebec objected to a constitution that Canada adopted in 1982. Quebec refused to sign the constitution on grounds it did not recognise the province's 6.2 million French-speaking residents. The country's 10 provincial premiers must approve the measure by June 23 or it will become void.

Besides giving Quebec special powers to preserve culture, the amendment would give all provinces a say in selecting Supreme Court judges and senators and requires the unanimous consent of all provinces before the Senate can be reformed or new provinces created.

Three of the country's smallest provinces — New Brunswick, Manitoba and Newfoundland — oppose the amendment. Their leaders have said Quebec will use the distinct society clause to pass



Canadian Premier Brian Mulroney. (Reuter wirephoto)

new laws that disadvantage the English and other ethnic minorities in the province.

In the third session of talks yesterday, the federal government offered a comprehensive proposal addressing key issues, including Quebec's distinct society clause, reform of the Senate — the upper chamber of parliament — and the requirement in the Meech Lake accord that changes in the Senate be unanimously approved by all provinces.

But Mulroney's insistence that provinces approve the amendment before negotiations can begin on reforming the Senate left some premiers angry and doubtful that the accord can be saved.

Alberta Premier Don Getty said he was "not the slightest bit optimistic" about the negotiations although innovative proposals were offered by political leaders.

"I don't sense the kind of effort at nation-building that we had before. We're dealing with the future of the country," said Getty, adding there was a possibility that next meeting "will be very short."

### Lords defeat 'Nazi' bill

Let bygones be bygones

LONDON, June 5. (UPI): The House of Lords, after emotional debate, defeated a government bill today that would have allowed the prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals, but the issue could arise again as early as next autumn.

The Lords, whose members are mostly elderly people including judges, bishops and politicians given lifetime titles, were reluctant to prosecute other old men and said that after so many years the memories of witnesses could not be trusted.

The 207-74 vote against the bill makes Britain the only World War II ally without laws to prosecute suspected war criminals. The vote was cast just after midnight following more than 9 hours of debate.

Canada and Australia recently changed laws to allow trials and the United States deports suspects for trial in Israel.

"Considering the state of the world I think a gesture of this kind could be important and the contrary is going to be very important," one parliament member, Lord Max Beloff, said after the vote.

"This decision is going to be hailed by all the neo-Nazis of Europe," he said.



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# No sign of Aids found in heat-treated patient

ATLANTA, June 5. (AP): Two doctors have reported that an AIDS patient shows no signs of infection after his blood was heated in a cancer treatment, but AIDS experts — and the physicians themselves — aren't sure what to make of it.

Drs Kenneth Alonso and William Logman of Atlanta performed the hyperthermia procedure on a 33-year-old AIDS patient with Kaposi's sarcoma, a skin cancer that commonly occurs with AIDS, in February.

The man's blood was run through a heater and back for two hours in hopes of attacking the cancer, Alonso said.

Soon after, the patient's raised, red skin lesions "flattened to scars," said the doctors, who discussed the case yesterday and last week. And tests for the AIDS virus have remained negative since, he said.

"We changed the disease. It's obvious that we did," Alonso said. "What the long-term pro-

### 61 PC OF AMERICANS OVERWEIGHT

Sixty-one per cent of US adults are overweight and only one in three gets regular strenuous exercise, according to a national survey released Monday.

The levels are about where they were in 1983, when Louis Harris and associates began the annual survey for Prevention magazine.

"As a nation, we do not seem to be hearing the message about the long-term risks of being overweight, or we do not care, or we are woefully unsuccessful in being able to control our weight," the magazine said in its latest report card on the nation's health.

The random telephone survey, conducted last Nov. 6 through Dec. 13, also found some

bright spots, including a continued reduction in the number of people eating fatty and high-cholesterol foods.

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of other patients."

Alonso said he submitted his findings to the journal molecular oncology and tumour pharmacotherapy in hopes of achieving the normal peer review by which scientists learn of each other's findings and comment.

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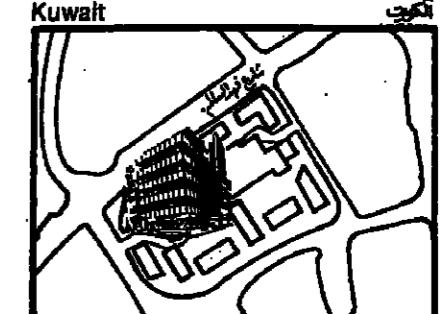
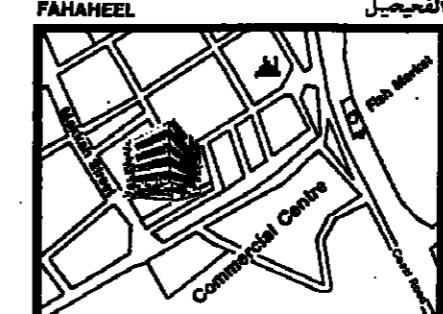
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# Seoul-Moscow pledge to establish diplomatic ties

## Turning point in South Korea's foreign relations

**SEOUL.** South Korea, June 5. (AP): President Roh Tae-Woo's pledge that his talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev would lead to diplomatic ties and help end Korea's cold war was greeted today as a turning point in South Korea's foreign relations.

"History will clearly record today as a great day," said Park Hee-Tae, spokesman of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party.

Roh's talks with Gorbachev in San Francisco were the first meeting ever between leaders of the two nations, which have no formal relations.

The talks came after 40 years of hostility and were the culmination of South Korea's efforts to court reformist Warsaw Pact countries to broaden trade ties and influence Soviet-backed North Korea.

South Korea also hopes relations with the superpower Soviet Union will enhance its own prestige.

"As a result of my meeting with President Gorbachev today, normal bilateral relations between our two countries will be restored," Roh told reporters.

"It is not so much meaningful whether the date comes one day or one month earlier, since we have agreed," Roh said afterward in a Korean Broadcasting System interview.

Roh told KBS Gorbachev promised "to do his best" to help hardline North Korea reform and would encourage a summit meeting between Roh and North Korean leader Kim Il Sung.

The South Korean newspaper Dong-A Ilbo said Roh agreed to send Foreign Minister Choic Ho-Joong to Moscow by July to negotiate details of normalization. It quoted unidentified high-ranking officials as saying full diplomatic relations could be established by September.

The announcement was welcomed by

most Koreans, who feel relations with Moscow will lead to an easing of hostilities with the Soviets' ally, Communist North Korea. The Korean people were divided in 1945, fought a bloody civil war in the early 1950s and remain bitter enemies.

Meanwhile, scattered violent protests erupted at several campuses.

In the southern city of Kwangju, about 2,000 militant students yelling anti-government slogans fought riot police with firebombs and rocks, said Yonhap, the National News Agency.

In Seoul, several hundred students throwing firebombs and rocks clashed with police firing tear-gas outside Korea University and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

Wall posters at two schools denounced the talks and warned Moscow "your diplomats arriving in Seoul will be driven

out by the Korean people."

Radicals claim Roh is trying to establish relations with Moscow to delay unification of the peninsula. They say Moscow's recognition of the Seoul government will perpetuate the two Koreas. North Korea is a long-time ally of the Soviet Union.

But Lee Soo-Jung, an aide traveling with Roh, said, "the summit meeting has not only been a turning point in relations between the two countries, but has also been an epoch-making event which will see an end to the cold war legacy on the Korean peninsula and will pave the way for a peaceful reunification between South and North Korea."

■ North Korea's tightly controlled press made no mention on Tuesday of the meeting between Mikhail Gorbachev, leader of Pyongyang's Soviet ally, and despised South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo.



Roh poses with Gorbachev at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco June 5. (Reuters wirephoto)

# 'China violates human rights'

## Bush incurs wrath of many members of Congress

**WASHINGTON.** June 5. (AP): President George Bush said yesterday that China continues to violate human rights a year after the massacre near Tiananmen Square, but a Democratic leader said Bush is all talk and no action on the issue.

Bush incurred the wrath of many members of Congress last month by extending for a year most-favored-nation trading status under which Beijing receives low tariffs on its goods.

Yesterday, Bush issued a statement critical of Chinese leaders, calling on them to "turn decisively away from repression." But he did not alter his stance on trade benefits to China.

Bush said his administration values "good relations with the Chinese people and government" and is ready "to develop this relationship as China resumes a ... path of reform."

## Sihanouk, Hun Sen sign pact

**TOKYO.** June 5. (AP): Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Cambodian Premier Hun Sen signed a communiqué today that called for an end to hostilities but stopped short of declaring a ceasefire in the 11-year-old civil war.

Powerful communist Khmer Rouge guerrillas, who are part of a three-part rebel coalition Sihanouk heads, boycotted the session.

The statement said all factions "should refrain from all offensive actions" and there should be measures to ensure a "military standstill." But it said an "actual ceasefire" should be realized through agreement on forming a Supreme National Council.

The council has been proposed as a body joining representatives of the resistance coalition and the Vietnam-backed Phnom Penh government. It would administer the country in the period before a plebiscite to determine Cambodia's future.

The communiqué said the Supreme National Council should include equal representation from the resistance coalition and the Phnom Penh government and be formed by the end of July. It mentioned a future role for the United Nations in monitoring the withdrawal of foreign forces, the end of foreign military supplies and a ceasefire agreement.

The impact of the declaration on fighting in Cambodia was hard to judge. Combat intensified in the days preceding the Tokyo conference as the contenders sought to extend their areas of control.

In Bangkok, Sihanouk spokesman Roland Eng said heavy fighting was continuing and guerrilla groups had launched offensives in areas around Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital.

The Khmer Rouge political leader, Khou Samphan, did not attend the signing ceremony. He also boycotted the opening session yesterday when the Tokyo peace conference started.

## Kaifu briefed on summit

**TOKYO.** June 5. (Kuna): American President George Bush told Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu today that he did not achieve any progress with the Soviet Union on the northern Japanese islands' dispute during his summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The official Japanese spokesman Misui Sakamoto said Bush reached him over the phone and told him that he discussed the islands' dispute with Gorbachev, but Gorbachev did not display any idea on the issue.

Sakamoto pointed out that Bush promised to continue his support for the Japanese proposal of returning the islands occupied by the Soviet Union after World War II.

He added that Bush invited Kaifu to visit Washington before the seven industrial countries (G-7) conference, scheduled to be held next month in Houston.

The Japanese spokesman quoted Bush as saying that he discussed the Korean stance and the Cambodian dispute with Gorbachev, but Gorbachev did not reveal his ideas on regional security in Asia.



A young boy plays with a toy tank in Beijing's Tiananmen Square as the area was re-opened to public. (Reuters wirephoto)

## HK people ignore bill of rights

**HONG KONG.** June 5. (Reuters): Hong Kong people have dismissed a draft bill of rights aimed at boosting sagging confidence in the British colony before it returns to China in 1997. Critics say the public sees the charter as irrelevant to their future.

A public consultation exercise on the bill ends tomorrow and government officials admit the response has been poor.

"The responses are all very detailed submissions from different groups, but there are well below 100," a source close to the exercise said. "Submissions by individuals are very low."

The bill of rights, based on the 1966 United Nations covenants on civil and political rights and on economic and social rights, guarantees among other things freedom of thought, expression, association and movement.

The bill was part of a package of measures put forward by the British government to boost confidence in the colony, shattered after China's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in June last year.

The two-month consultation, originally due to end in mid-May, was extended for three weeks to collect more responses.

The government says the poor response is due to the complexity of the document.

He said the Chinese government, in suppressing demonstrations, was denying its citizens "the freedom of expression, freedom of the press and freedom of association."

"These are freedoms that are enshrined in both the US constitution and the Chinese constitution," Bush said.

Some sanctions Bush imposed on China in the aftermath of the Tiananmen Square crackdown, including a ban on military sales, remain in force.

Tiananmen Square re-opened to the public today, after being closed for the anniversary of last year's military suppression of a massive pro-democracy movement.

The anniversary passed without major incident. University campuses in northwest Beijing were quiet today morning as students from whose numbers came the leaders of the democracy movement, went to class or prepared for upcoming final exams.

The square, centre of the movement, had been closed since Friday and ringed with armed police. They still patrolled adjoining streets on Tuesday.

Chinese police briefly detained a worker, apparently on suspicion of being a political dissident, after he bought a wreath for his grandmother's funeral, a Western businessman said on Tuesday.

The businessman, who asked that neither he nor his company be identified, told Reuters the worker was taken into custody on Saturday after he bought a wreath but could not produce a death certificate for his relative.

The worker, whose factory supplies goods to the businessman, was released 24 hours later after police went to his home and discovered his grandmother's corpse.

A student who dared speak at a raucous and daring weekend rally at Beijing University returned to the campus after a brief detention but has dropped from sight, teachers and classmates said today.

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He left China at the end of June, by means he won't describe in detail. His Being No. 1 on the government's most wanted list ensured media attention overseas, and within a few weeks he was made vice-chairman of the fledgling Federation for a Democratic China, headquartered in Paris.

He travels widely, and has been invited by the Sakharov committee in the Soviet Union to attend a human rights seminar in Moscow from this weekend.

But the top priority remains political reform within the Chinese system.

"We have some branch organizations inside China, even in the army, and the most important thing for us is to send information to China. Just hold on and wait for an opportunity. That opportunity will probably be the death of the old man [senior leader Deng Xiaoping]."

Wu's death, the death of Deng, 85, could trigger new change, but that change will be slow.

"Fifty or 100 years later, then probably China will become a democratic China," he said.

These days Wu is still a fiery orator.

MANILA, June 5. (UPI): A detained rebel leader warned today communist guerrillas will intensify attacks against US personnel if President Ferdinand Marcos agrees to extend US basing rights in the Philippines.

Satur Ocampo, alleged chief of the National Democratic Front, told reporters before his arraignment on kidnapping charges Aquino had lost an "historic opportunity" to settle the 21-year insurgency when she decided not to terminate US basing rights expiring in 1991.

He said the guerrillas would have declared a "unilateral ceasefire" if Aquino had decided not to enter into negotiations for the extension of a 1947 treaty covering the giant US Clark Air Base, Subic Bay Naval Station and four smaller facilities.

Manila and Washington decided after one week of exploratory talks last month to negotiate a new agreement for continued US military presence.

The NDF is the communist guerrilla's political wing. Ocampo was one of the rebel negotiators in the short-lived peace talks on ending the insurgency in December 1986.

Ocampo, his wife Carolina Malay, and 15 other guerrillas have been charged with the October 1988 kidnapping of a military officer. Capt. Eduardo Borromeo, in Quezon province, a rebel stronghold south of Manila. Only the Ocampos, who were arrested last year, are under custody.

The arraignment was deferred to June 27 after defense lawyers argued that the defendants should have been accused of the political crime of rebellion and not the ordinary crime of kidnapping. They also face murder and illegal arms charges in other courts.

"If the Aquino government signs a new bases agreement with the Americans, there will be an intensification of anti-American operations (by the rebels). That's for sure," said Ocampo, who was

brought to court amid heavy security.

"Will the Americans retaliate in kind? that is the question."

Ocampo, however, said world opinion will prevent the United States from sending US troops, but will increase their arms aid to the Manila government.

"We don't want a direct military intervention. It will cost more lives."

Communist guerrillas have been blamed for the killing of 11 US soldiers and civilians during the past three years.

■ Communist rebels were suspected in the death of a retired military officer who was serving as security chief of a major Philippine corporation, police reported.

Police said retired Lt Col Lauderne Kahuligan, a retired army colonel, was slain by five gunmen as he drove to work in suburban Marikina.

Kahuligan was chief security officer for Pure Foods Inc. which had experienced labour problems. He was the second Pure Foods security director slain in the short-lived peace talks on ending the insurgency in December 1986.

Police suspected the assailants were communists because of the style of the attack and weapons used. Witnesses said the assailants opened fire with .45-caliber and 9-millimeter pistols as Kahuligan's car slowed down along a narrow street near his office.

One of the gunmen then jumped on the hood and fired at point-blank range before fleeing, police said.

Before leaving the military, Kahuligan served as police commander in Davao, where he was instrumental in organising anti-communist vigilantes.

■ Eight people were killed and 3,000 villagers fled their homes when fighting broke out between two prominent Muslim families in the southern Philippines, the government information agency said today.

Evidence delayed until June 12

## Imelda trial put off

NEW YORK, June 5. (UPI): The racketeering trial of former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos, who collapsed in court last week, was put off for one week yesterday while she recuperates from a stomach inflammation.

Judge John Keenan told lawyers he would tell the jury tomorrow that the presentation of evidence would be delayed until June 12, according to attorneys in the case and court sources.

The Foreign Ministry, reacting to protests from foreign journalists over beatings and harassment by police during the past two days, issued a "serious warning" to journalists against what it called "illegal news coverage."

Beijing University was reportedly quiet after students smashed about two dozen bottles on the campus yesterday in a second show of dissent, much smaller than a noisy and brazen anti-government demonstration by 1,000 students Sunday night.

In Hong Kong, tens of thousands of people staged a candlelight vigil at a park yesterday in remembrance of those killed in last June's bloody suppression of China's pro-democracy movement.

Wearing a black dress covered with a black shawl, Marcos left the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Centre on the upper east side in a wheelchair shortly before noon Sunday.

A few feet away from her black

Mercedes sedan, the heavily made-up Marcos stood up and walked slowly to the car.

"I feel much better," she whispered as she sat in the back seat of the sedan.

Marcos, 60, collapsed Thursday during her racketeering trial in district court in Manhattan, spitting blood before she was carried from the courtroom on a stretcher. Her face pale and eyes closed, she was loaded into an ambulance with an oxygen mask over her mouth.

Marcos is being tried on charges that she and her late husband, former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, conspired to buy New York real estate, art and jewellery with \$222 million stolen from their homeland.

After Philippines officials refused to allow them entry, the Vietnamese were moved to another American ship, the USS White Plains, which is docked at Subic Bay naval base in what Philippine sources say is the first case of the Manila government refusing "first asylum" to Indochinese boat people.

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Herman Laurel, administrator of the Philippine refugee processing centre, said the refusal was made to "show displeasure on the continued defiance of the US and Vietnamese on the proposed forced repatriation policy of first asylum countries."

## Political killings, govt wrangling over foreign investment projects hit Philippine economy

centre of a row over a Taiwanese petrochemical project, said yesterday that the controversy had created the impression among foreign investors that the country was in chaos.

The battered Philippine economy is holding up better than either the government or private economists predicted, despite persistent rumours of another coup attempt, electric power shortages and a lingering drought.

But uncertainty over the future of US military bases in the Philippines, political killings in the capital and near the bases, and squabbling between officials over foreign investment are shattering the patience of many business men.

Trade and Industry Secretary Jose Concepcion, at the

time involving Japanese companies both ran into trouble.

The Japanese-sponsored Cebu industrial estate has been delayed by arguments over land use, while the Lazoo petrochemical project is stalled by a dispute over whether it will bring in foreign capital or depend on funds raised locally.

"Is there no finality and certainty in our registration

# US to destroy chemical arms

## Ahead of superpower summit treaty schedule

WASHINGTON, June 5. (AP): The United States plans to begin destroying chemical weapons at a remote Pacific island late this year, well ahead of the schedule set in a treaty signed at last week's superpower summit, officials said yesterday.

The destruction of older US chemical arms stored in West Germany is to start at an army facility on Johnston Atoll, said

Barry Daniel, a spokesman for the State Department's arms control and disarmament agency.

The weapons will be brought to the island beginning Aug 1, he said, adding that destruction is expected to begin by the end of the year.

The Johnston Atoll plant was built to meet a 1985 Congressional requirement to destroy all existing US chemical weapons

by 1997 as a condition for approving a Defence Department programme to produce a new generation of such weapons.

The agreement signed on Friday by President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev requires each side to reduce its stockpile to 5,000 tonnes by 2,002, although the Soviets have no active facility for destroying their

weapons. The United States says it has about 25,000 tonnes of chemical agents; the Soviets say they have 50,000 tonnes.

Destruction is supposed to begin by Dec 31, 1992, but doubts have arisen over the Soviets' plans because the government last summer shut down its only destruction facility at Chapayevsk on the Volga river, because of environmental protests.

# Gorbachev calls for more united world

## Scientists asked to destroy nuclear weapons

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5. (AP): Declaring that "the cold war is now behind us," Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev called for a more united world in which American and Soviet scientists work together to destroy nuclear weapons.

Before leaving for Moscow about 7:45 pm yesterday (0245 GMT) Tuesday, the Soviet leader met with South Korean President Roh Tae-woo, and Roh said afterward the two countries agreed to establish diplomatic relations.

In the last hours of his visit to the United States, Gorbachev also

continued his courtship of business, telling top executives he would speed up plans to make the Soviet rouble a convertible currency, helping foreign companies take their profits out of the country.

Gorbachev said Moscow wants to overcome the reluctance of Western executives who hold back from investing in the Soviet Union because they don't have enough control of their assets.

The meeting between Gorbachev and Roh was the first between leaders of the two countries, which have never established diplomatic relations since Korea was divided after World War II.



Raisa and Gorbachev lead Reagan and Nancy out of the residence of the Soviet Consul General June 4 after a breakfast meeting. (Reuter wirephoto)



Raisa compares the price of bread with clerk Hai Kim (centre) during a visit to a grocery market while touring in San Francisco June 4. (Reuter wirephoto)



Gorbachev shakes hands with Reagan during the breakfast meeting June 4. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Nancy, Raisa hold meeting

### It was 'very nice': Mrs Reagan

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5. (Agencies): Nancy Reagan and Raisa Gorbachev exchanged smiles and handshakes yesterday and renewed a relationship that Mrs Reagan said had been misunderstood.

As former president Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev chatted on a sofa in the Soviet counsel general's home, their wives perched on chairs and talked.

Afterward, Mrs Reagan characterised her hour-long meeting with Mrs Gorbachev as "very nice."

"I think there's been a great misunderstanding about our relationship," Mrs Reagan told reporters.

Mrs Reagan's kind words for Mrs Gorbachev contrasted with her characterisation of her in "my turn," her memoir of her White House years.

"From the moment we met, she talked and talked — so much that I could barely get a word in, edgewise or otherwise," Mrs Reagan wrote. "Perhaps it was insecurity on her part, but during about a dozen encounters in three different countries, my fundamental impression of Raisa Gorbachev was that she never stopped talking."

"Or lecturing, to be more accurate," Mrs Reagan wrote.

### Bush to see East German premier

WASHINGTON, June 5. (Reuters): President George Bush will meet East German Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere on June 11 in the first ever visit by an East German leader to the White House.

White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said yesterday it appeared to be the first meeting at any location between an American president and an East German leader.

"This has some historic significance," the spokesman said.

### Monrovia becoming open-air morgue with bodies turning up on roads, marshes and beaches

MONROVIA, June 5. (Reuters): Liberia's capital, under threat of attack by rebels, has become something of an open-air morgue with bodies turning up on roads, in marshes, in the bush or on beaches virtually every day.

"What we're seeing is a real return to savagery," said a long-time foreign resident, whose employee's husband went missing one day and turned up two days later dead in a swamp.

People driving around the city in the past week have seen severed fingers and bloodstains on a bridge, a cluster of at least four bodies dumped by the road near a fast-food restaurant and two bodies in a marsh.

Even in heavily-travelled areas of this rundown West

African capital, visitors can spot clumps of grass on the road marking the spot where witnesses say the body of a teen-age girl lay for two days, first in the middle of the road and later by the side. The grass was put there to prevent cars running over her.

Scores more people have been reported missing and are presumed dead.

What began six months ago as an invasion by about 150 of Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Liberia rebels has degenerated into a bloody tribal feud between Gios and Manos supporting Taylor, and Krahn backing President Samuel Doe.

According to estimates of diplomats and aid workers,

the war has claimed hundreds of civilian lives.

Taylor launched his invasion in the Gio and Mano homeland in northeastern Nimba County, a hotbed of anti-Doe sentiment and spawning ground for a major coup attempt in 1985.

Army reprisals have swelled his core group to a force of thousands.

Now the question on everyone's minds is how to prevent the killing from escalating should the rebels, who are within 30 miles (20 miles) of Monrovia, attack the capital. No one has an easy answer.

"What really kills most people is that it's easy to start this cycle of tribal violence but it's much more difficult to

stop it," a diplomat said.

Many Liberians allege Doe and the ruling Krahn created a climate in which tribal hatreds thrive.

Doe seized power in a bloody 1980 coup which ended the century-long monopoly on power of the so-called Americo-Liberians, descendants of freed American slaves who founded Liberia in 1847.

The Americo-Liberians were in a sense black colonisers of this West African country of two million people and has no direct affiliation with the tribes present when they arrived.

Doe changed all that, promoting ethnic culture.



Hunger striker helped

28-year-old medical assistant Lungu Danut, on hunger strike since May 3 in protest against the government, is being helped by an anti-government protester girl at a tent camp on Monday in central Bucharest where the protest started five weeks ago. Danut came down to 62 from 86 kg on the 33rd day of his hunger strike. Doctors said 15 Romanians continue hunger strike now. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Hungary marks Trianon 'versary

BUDAPEST, June 5. (AP): For the first time in more than 40 years, Hungary's Parliament yesterday marked the anniversary of the Treaty of Trianon that sealed the dismemberment of the Austro-Hungarian Empire after it fought on the losing side of World War I.

The treaty, which reduced Hungary's former territory by two-thirds and more than halved its population, is a powerful emotional issue in Hungary.

Under communist rule, however, it was taboo to mark the anniversary or question the treaty, under which much former Hungarian territory was given to what became communist Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia.

## Stronghold

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The CP 10 days ago rallied thousands of supporters to say 'no' to De Klerk in the biggest public demonstration of white political muscle in recent years.

■ Nelson Mandela began a tour yesterday to tell the world that apartheid still exists in South Africa but international sanctions can help his African National Congress end white supremacy.

"Apartheid is still alive, but the ANC is step-by-step ending apartheid," Mandela told an overflow crowd of 25,000 people in the Gabarone national stadium.

■ South African police said they fired shotguns and tear-gas to disperse black protesters who attacked municipal staff demolishing squatter shacks east of Johannesburg.

Black community organisations said up to 20 people were wounded in the clash yesterday, at least two of them seriously. A council official said 15 people were arrested.

■ A top-level United Nations team will visit South Africa from June 9 to 19 for talks with government and party leaders on measures being taken to end apartheid, a UN spokesman announced yesterday.

The mission stems from a "declaration on apartheid and its destructive consequences in Southern Africa" adopted by consensus at a special three-day General Assembly session last December.

■ Four men and a woman have been convicted of killing and dismembering an 18-month-old boy to make a witchcraft potion, a newspaper reported today.

■ Last test: A human rights group said today the expected lifting of South Africa's emergency rule next week would not affect a strict security law allowing indefinite detention without trial.

The Detainees Aid Centre, which monitors and campaigns for political detainees, said the government would still be able to use section 29 of the 1982 Internal Security Act against its political opponents.

## Air crash kills pilot

BONN, June 5. (AP): A US Air Force jet fighter collided in the air today with what police said appeared to be a glider plane, killing the civilian pilot.

The accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. (1430 GMT) near Unkenbach, about 100 kilometres (62 miles) southwest of Frankfurt, the air force said in a statement.

# De Klerk faces first test of vote

DURBAN, June 5. (Reuters): President F.W. de Klerk faces white South African voters tomorrow for the first time since he introduced reforms aimed at black power-sharing and could be in for a rough ride.

Political analysts say the right-wing Conservative Party (CP) has a chance of winning the suburban Durban constituency Umlazi from De Klerk's National Party (NP) in a whites-only parliamentary by-election.

De Klerk's ruling margin in Parliament is unassailable — the NP has 102 seats in the 178-seat house — but the Umlazi result will be the first reliable weather-vane for white feelings about his plans for a non-racial, democratic South Africa.

It will be a test of support for the white right, some of whom are polishing their rifles for a life-or-death struggle against black majority rule.

### Issues

The by-election campaign in mainly black-collar Umlazi, on a hill overlooking this Indian Ocean resort, has ignored local issues to focus on the big national debate: the scrapping of apartheid race laws and the enfranchising of blacks who outnumber whites by five-to-one.

The pro-apartheid CP rails against De Klerk and his reforms, playing on white fears of black rulers, blacks moving in next door, black children and patients in white schools and hospitals and "black communism" overwhelming "Western values".

"Reject our black future," says one election pamphlet.

"It's not open hotels or rugby they want — it's our country," CP candidate Francis Hitchcock declared to cries of outrage from a well-attended gathering of whites last night.

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## Liberia rebels advancing on

### Airlines halt flights

MONROVIA, June 5. (AP): Rebels advancing on the Liberian capital have seized part of a large rubber plantation adjoining the international airport, but the government said today that it still controls the airport.

President Samuel Doe's government acknowledged that airlines have halted flights at Robertsfield international airport.

Diplomats said yesterday the cancellations began after a group of Liberian soldiers fired on the port of Buchanan Sunday night, diplomats and other sources who monitor military air traffic said.

As the rebels moved on the US-managed rubber plantation, the checkpoint fired mortars and machine guns at the approaching group, who returned the fire.

"They scared the hell out of each other and all took off into the bush, deserting the checkpoint," said one Western diplomat.

The 15 by 20 mile (24 by 32 km) plantation is owned by Bridgestone-Firestone Inc., a US subsidiary of the Japanese company Bridgestone Corp. It contains 75,000 people — 8,400 are employees and the rest dependents — and has been swollen by up to 10,000 refugees from the fighting.

Army Chief of Staff Lt Gen Henry Dubar told reporters in some cases soldiers of the army, which he called "ceremonial," had deserted their posts. He said officers were afraid to give orders to their soldiers, and that many soldiers panicked.

The firing started and they run away," he said.

Earlier yesterday, an airline official said that the rebels had captured the Owingsgrove checkpoint, but it was unclear who was in control.

Residents of Harbel, the company town, said vehicles flying the red rebel flag and guerrillas wearing the red bandanas of the rebels had moved onto the eastern part of the plantation, which

had been the site of a bloodbath if the city fell.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



## Africa

**Rebels condemn use of Asmara:** Rebels accused Ethiopia's government on Tuesday of using the airport at the Eritrean capital Asmara as a military base and warned foreigners not to use it for relief work.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), fighting for Eritrean independence, said the airport was being used by government forces to ferry troops and arms and to carry out "atrocious bombing missions" on the civilian population. (Reuters)

**98 Units rebels killed:** Angolan government forces killed 98 US-backed Unita rebels during recent fighting near the southeastern town of Caiundo, the Angolan state news agency reported Tuesday.

The Angop report, monitored in Lisbon from the Angolan capital of Luanda, said seven rebels and six anti-tank missiles were captured and seven government soldiers wounded during the clashes Friday.

Unita representatives contacted in the Portuguese capital declined to comment on the Angop dispatch. (AP)

**Cuba, Angola slam aid to Unita:** Cuba and Angola said Monday that the United States and South Africa must stop supporting Angolan Unita rebels for there to be lasting peace in South-West Africa.

But they reassured South African and US officials at a one-day meeting in Havana that a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola would continue as scheduled despite increased attacks by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) against Angola's left-wing government. (Reuters)

**Red Cross delegates freed:** Two delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and abducted by rebels in Mozambique June 1 have been released, the humanitarian agency said Tuesday.

It said Renamo rebels reported that Brigitte Kehrer, 37, and Thierry Tribollet, 31, "are safe and well" and were set free Monday.

The two delegates, both Swiss nationals, are continuing their assignment of assessing the needs of civilians in regions stricken by famine, the neutral ICRC said. (UPI)

**Namibia to investigate:** The Swapo government, accused of detaining hundreds of dissidents while fighting a guerrilla war against South African occupation of Namibia, bowed to pressure Monday and agreed to lead an all-party parliamentary probe into the allegations.

Prime Minister Hage Geingob, while sharply denying Swapo complicity, backed an opposition motion that the seven parties in Parliament investigate charges that hundreds of Namibians have been detained in one-time Swapo bush camps in southern Angola. (UPI)

**Geingob asks for UN grants:** The premier of newly-independent Namibia asked the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Tuesday for initial development aid in the form of grants instead of loans.

Hage Geingob said the former South Africa-controlled nation may be "potentially rich" but faces multiple problems in building up an independent economy.

It should therefore be considered at first as one of the world's least-developed countries and thus entitled to grants rather than loans, he said. (UPI)

**Lawyers ask to attend trial:** Japanese lawyers who represented a Chinese airplane hijacker in Japan said Tuesday they have asked China to allow them to attend his trial in Beijing and meet his family.

Lawyer Kazuo Itoh said the demand was made in a letter sent Tuesday to Chinese ambassador to Japan Yang Zhenyu.

Another lawyer in the group, Shin Kondo, said they wanted to see that Zhang Zhenhai received a fair trial for the Dec. 16, 1989, hijacking of a Chinese airliner, which landed in Fukuoka, southern Japan, after South Korea refused to let it land there. (AP)

**Thailand denies Lao air attack:** Thailand Tuesday denied Lao government allegations that a Thai plane intruded into Lao territory and fired two rockets in what Lao radio said was an effort by "bad elements" to upset improving relations.

Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman Samphon Fai-champa said a Thai diplomat in Vientiane had been summoned to receive an official Lao protest over the alleged incident on May 30. (UPI)

**Indonesia receives rare tigers:** The US ambassador Tuesday handed over a pair of white Bengal tigers to Indonesia under a rare animal exchange agreement between the two countries.

**Britain must maintain defences:** UK Defence Secretary Tom King said Monday that Britain must maintain its defences, despite the proclamation by the superpowers that the cold war was over.

While welcoming the changes in Eastern Europe, King noted that "the world does not begin and end in Europe." (Kuna)

**Spanish 'ghost buster' held:** A psychologist who claimed to have recorded ghostly laments in an empty Madrid palace was detained on Monday after one of her cheques bounced, police said.

A spokesman said Carmen de Sanchez Castro was held at Madrid police headquarters on a judge's order. He gave no details.

De Sanchez Castro made recordings, which have been widely broadcast, of whispering voices she said belonged to a couple who owned the Linares Palace in the 19th century. Their lives were shattered when they learned that their marriage was incestuous. (Reuters)

**Fail to endorse ban on hunting:** Italy's hunting lobby and pesticide firms received an unexpected boost on Monday when a record low turnout killed three referendums to ban hunting and restrict pesticides and farming.

Despite last-minute appeals from worried environmentalists, only 43 per cent of the electorate turned out to vote during two days of polling, according to official figures.

While the Italian Interior Ministry said the results must still be ratified, by law more than 50 per cent must vote for referendums to be valid. (Reuters)

**Seals dying in White Sea:** Scores of baby seals have been found dead in the White Sea in the northwest Soviet Union, two weeks after an estimated 4 million dead starfish washed ashore in the same area, the Interfax news agency reported Monday.

Interfax, an independent news agency that began in co-operation with radio Moscow, said a radiology laboratory in Obninsk near Moscow found the starfish deaths had to do with radiation exposure. (UPI)

**KUWAIT:** Member of the PLO's Executive Committee, Abdullah Hourani, has said the issue of Soviet Jews emigration to Israel was a result of deals concluded between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, Hourani questioned if the Soviet Union has abandoned dealing with the Palestinian

cause as the fundamental Arab problem.

"The emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel does not only constitute a threat to peace in Palestine but also to neighbouring Arab lands." Therefore, "the Soviet Union whether it wanted or not has encouraged Israel to expansion and occupation," said Hourani.

Amos Rubin, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's economics adviser said of the highly qualified professionals, "If we absorb even one in 10 successfully, we know we are on the right track."

This year's immigration figures are staggering and the volume caught Israeli officials by surprise.

The Jewish Agency, which assists immigrants, says each 100,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union includes nearly 23,000 professionals—about 11,000 engineers, 2,500 doctors and dentists, 2,000 scientists and roughly 7,000 others such as computer specialists and nurses.

No figures are available on how the 10,000 profes-



Four hundred Soviet Jews who flew to Israel from Budapest aboard a chartered jumbo jet of the El Al airline. (Reuters file photo)

## Soviet Jews rush to Israel

New arrivals complicate Middle East situation

HAIFA, Israel, June 5. (AP): The narrow, hot, smoky corridors of a resettlement office are crammed with Soviet Jews; young and middle-aged couples, elderly women, World War II veterans with rows of medals on their chests.

Hysterical arguments flare up in the long lines. Besieged officials look exhausted. A woman tries to push ahead of others to a lawyer who is supposed to help immigrants deal with landlords.

Several people shout angrily. Finally someone cries, "Please" please, stop it, are we all

caught the government by surprise, threatening to overwhelm social services and balloon

the national debt and unemployment.

The surge of arrivals also complicates the Middle East situation. Arab nations see the immigration as a threat to Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Sunday that he might stop the exodus to Israel to prevent more immigrants settling in occupied lands.

Officials and private citizens in Israel welcome the newcomers, whatever the problems they pose, as a fulfillment of the age-old dream of "ingathering" Jewish exiles.

Israelis hope the tide will result in the country having enough Jews to survive economically and militarily and to keep abreast of an Arab population with a much higher birth rate.

Uncertainty, anti-Semitism in USSR

## Soviet Jews fear

ODESSA, USSR, June 5. (AP): The Horshaks are afraid of leaving what the future in Israel will bring, but uncertainty and anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union are more frightening still.

They have joined hundreds of thousands of other Soviet Jews in applying to leave for Israel.

A record 40,000 have gone so far in 1990 and Israeli officials expect up to 150,000 Soviet Jews to arrive by year's end.

"We want to leave because the situation in general is very unstable," said Svetlana Horshak, a plump, 45-year-old chemist. "The possibility of some nationalist outbursts in the country is also very unpleasant."

Russian nationalist movements have had little impact in this Black Sea port city of 1.1 million, once a thriving Jewish centre but Odessa is in the Ukraine which has a long history of anti-Semitism.

Mrs Horshak said: "I almost don't feel it here especially among my friends. But even the talk about possible pogroms elsewhere is quite unpleasant and I think there is a 50 per cent possibility it may happen here. What is important is that I cannot say what I can expect from people with whom I have normal good relations under extreme conditions."

For her husband, Mikhail, a 43-year-old engineer, fears and uncertainty about the future are embodied in Marina, their 13-year-old daughter.

"She is the reason I want to leave," Horshak said.

He sat at a table bearing thin tablets of unleavened matzo bread made for Passover, which commemorates the flight of Jews from ancient Egypt.

The solitary reminder of the holiday illustrated the frail links many families in the Soviet Union have with Jewish tradition.

Mrs Horshak wanted to emigrate in the early 1970s, when some of her relatives and friends left

for Israel and the United States. At the time she thought of going to America.

Mikhail, 43, felt he could not abandon his native country and the town of his birth, and there was no pressing need to improve their living standard.

The family has spent four generations in a comparatively spacious apartment first occupied by Mrs Horshak's great-grandmother, who moved to Odessa in the 1920s.

The Horshaks earn 500 roubles a month, a medium income that kept them here while others sought a better living abroad.

Svetlana does environmental research for the city sanitation department and Mikhail, a maritime engineer, is an expert on industrial waste disposal.

After deciding to leave they asked relatives in Israel to send them an invitation, which is needed to start emigration procedures.

The document arrived in April, and now the Horshaks are waiting to apply for an exit visa. They are No. 180 on the list.

Even after many radio broadcasts, letters and conversations with tourists, Israel remains a mystery to the Horshaks.

They pepper a visitor from Israel with questions. What's the climate like? Is this furniture worth packing? Would Mikhail be doing army reserve duty?

Most of all they fear having to live in the occupied territories where 70,000 Israeli settlers are surrounded by 1.7 million Palestinians.

"Is that true that we are going to be sent to the territories, to become a buffer between Israelis and Palestinians?" Mikhail asked the visitor.

Israel says there is no policy of settling Jews in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and that only 200 Soviet immigrants live there.

For Marina, submerged in reading, aerobics and pop music, the prospect of leaving seems like an adventure.

"When we have six people competing for every job and no new jobs being created, these immigrants would not find jobs in their profession," he said.

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## Israel having trouble absorbing highly educated professional Soviet Jewish immigrants

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, June 5. (AP): Vladimir Kislik, a nuclear physicist who worked in a Soviet atomic weapons programme has had to take a job analysing coal ashes.

Kislik, who arrived a year ago is lucky to have work. Nearly one of every four Soviet Jewish immigrants is a highly educated professional and Israel is having trouble absorbing such an influx of brain power.

"Israel cannot provide employment for the thousands of scientists who will immigrate in the next two years," Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz says.

No figures are available on how the 10,000 profes-

sionals who arrived in the past six months have fared but employment opportunities are limited.

Universities and government laboratories have places for only a small number of engineers and researchers. Few high-tech jobs are being created in private industry because of a recession brought on in part by the 2 1/2-year-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

There is fierce competition from Israel's highly skilled labour force of which professionals make up 24 per cent compared to 16 per cent in the United States.

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## Jew influx superpowers' deal

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# Israeli soldiers kill 8-year-old Arab boy

PLO leaders warn of Israeli strike at Libya, Jordan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 5. (Agencies): Israeli soldiers shot and killed an 8-year-old Palestinian boy today during a confrontation in a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. Arab reports said.

The army confirmed a boy from Askar camp near Nablus was killed but said it was investigating the circumstances. The military spokesman's office said the victim was 10.

The fatality quickly triggered more unrest in the camp as several hundred angry Palestinians attended the boy's funeral, some unfurling outlawed Palestinian flags.

Soldiers clamped a curfew on the camp of 9,000 to contain the

violence, the army said. There was no immediate reports of additional casualties.

The violent outbreak came as Palestinians staged a general strike throughout the occupied lands marking the 23rd anniversary of the 1967 Middle East war, when Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Jordan and Egypt.

The victim, Ahmad Salama, died at Al Ittihad hospital in Nablus after being struck by a rubber bullet which penetrated his skull, hospital officials said.

According to Arab reports, Salama was shot in an alleyway near his home in the ramshackle camp.

Israel radio said the troops opened fire in response to a stone-throwing attack against Israeli vehicles on a nearby highway.

In Israel, meanwhile, a magistrate judge ordered the Israeli suspect in a massacre of Arab workers near Tel Aviv last month held an additional 14 days while the investigation continues.

The shooting suspect, Ami Popper, 21, of Rishon Letzion near Tel Aviv, is undergoing psychiatric tests by court order.

Popper's attorney, David Ofek, contends his client is not psychologically fit to stand trial.

Meanwhile, two senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials warned today that Israel might launch a retaliatory military operation against Libya or Jordan after an aborted seaborne attack against an Israeli beach last week.

In a statement to the Bahraini newspaper Al Ayam carried by the Manama-based Gulf News Agency, the PLO's No. 2 Salah Khalaf said Israel was "waiting for an American move in reaction to the raid (against the Israeli coast), such as suspending US dialogue with the PLO."

Khalaf said that if the United States suspended dialogue in Tunis with the PLO, such a move would "satisfy the Israelis."

"But if the United States does not take the initiative in suspending the dialogue with the PLO, they (Israelis) will launch a retaliatory military operation... it is expected that the Israelis will strike." Palestinian leaders, or Palestinian establishments (in the Jordanian capital) Amman and Libya."

Hani Al Hassan, PLO leader Yasser Arafat's political adviser, said in an interview published today in a Kuwaiti daily that Israel will try to "cross into Jordan now, and will not be satisfied unless it strikes at both Iraq and Syria."

And Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's foreign minister, said in an interview published in another Kuwaiti newspaper that the PLO wanted talks with the United States to continue, "even though so far they have proved futile."

In a separate development, Jordanian Premier Mudar Badran said in Amman today that King Hussein would visit the Libyan capital Tripoli shortly at the invitation of Libyan strongman Muammar Khaddafi.

The PLO will ask the UN General Assembly to send a fact-finding mission to the Israeli-occupied territories if the United States vetoes another Security Council resolution on the plan, a PLO official said today in Tunis.

Zakaria Abdul-Rahim, director of the organisation's political (foreign affairs) department, told Reuters a simple majority in the General Assembly, with support from UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, could prove the mission.

Abdul-Rahim said the Arabs would try again in the Security Council within a week. "If the US uses its veto, we'll try to move the project to the General Assembly," he added.

The United States expects to use its veto again to block an Arab resolution calling for a special session of the General Assembly in Geneva which PLO leader Yasser Arafat could address, a senior US official said yesterday.

■ Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, struggling to end a political crisis, inched today towards forming a hardline government repugnant to himself, Washington and most Israelis.

Former US senators John B. Anderson and Charles H. Percy yesterday blamed the hardline government of Shamir for its intransigence in Middle East peace efforts.

The FLN has run a strong campaign, appealing to patriotic sentiment and reminding voters it liberated Islam in Algeria from French colonial rule during the 1954-62 war of independence.

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## Hirawi seeks Egypt's support

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): Lebanese President Elias Hirawi, seeking Arab backing to extend his authority over his divided and war-torn country, began a three-day tour in Egypt today.

Hirawi, who will go on to Libya and Tunisia, is expected to ask Egypt to help assert his control over Lebanon including parts seized by Israel, Arab and Western diplomats said.

"Egypt has open channels of communication with Arab states, Israel and the superpowers and it can help put Hirawi's point of view across," said one Egyptian diplomat.

Diplomats said President Hosni Mubarak would brief Hirawi, who boycotted an Arab summit in Baghdad last week, on the outcome of the meetings there.

The leaders approved a move to set up an international reconstruction fund for Lebanon and extended the mission of an tripartite peacemaking committee by six months.

"Lebanon is pinning great hopes on Arab backing through the Arab tripartite committee and Syria and Jordan," said a source from Saudi Arabia's Prime Minister Selim Al-Husseini.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, a member of the committee, said yesterday he expected a major breakthrough in efforts to end Lebanon's 15-year civil war but gave no details.

Hirawi was elected last November under an Arab-sponsored peace pact but has been unable to impose his authority even over Beirut, torn between inter-Christian battles in the east and Shiite Muslim duels in the Syrian-controlled Muslim west.

General Michel Aoun, fighting for control of the Christian enclave with the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, considers himself the country's sole legitimate ruler. He rejects the peace accord for failing to ensure the withdrawal of 40,000 Syrian troops.

Aoun has the loyalty of about half of the divided national army, diplomats said. Hirawi would seek Egypt's help to build up mainly Muslim brigades under his nominal control that are short of arms, ammunition and even uniforms.

**Druze's buildup in Sidon**

SIDON, June 5. (AP): The PLO's intelligence chief in Lebanon yesterday accused Druze warlord Walid Jumblatt of massing tanks and militiamen for an attack on the Palestinian positions near this southern port city.

Li Col Kamal Medhat told a news conference in Sidon's Ein El Hilweh refugee camp the Druze had prepared "dozens of tanks and scores of multi-barreled rocket launchers and heavy machine-guns."

He said the operation has been underway for a week along the Awali river on the northern edge of Sidon, provincial capital of south Lebanon 25 miles (40 km)south of Beirut.

Jumblatt's tank cannons and rocket launchers are in the hills and mountains of the Kharroub region pointing in the direction of Sidon and Ein El Hilweh," Medhat said.

"We would have welcomed this buildup if Jumblatt ordered it to buttress our confrontation with the Israeli enemy, but Jumblatt's intentions are contrary to that," Medhat added.



Mourning

Father and son mourning their late leader Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday in Tehran as the six-day mourning period continues. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iran adamant on edict

## Give us Rushdie

TEHRAN, June 5. (Reuters): Iran today demanded that author Salman Rushdie be handed over to British Muslims to be executed for blasphemy.

The call, from spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, shattered hopes in the West that Iran may be prepared to rescind the death threat against the British writer.

"Salman Rushdie... must be handed over to British Muslims so that God's decree would be implemented on him," Khamenei said in a speech broadcast on Tehran radio.

Iran's late supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini ordered Muslims in February 1989 to kill Rushdie for blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses".

Rushdie, 42, born to a Muslim Indian family, has been in hiding since.

Iran broke diplomatic relations with London after the British government refused to condemn the author.

Western diplomats here said the Western media created consternation in Tehran by quoting an Iranian Foreign Ministry official as saying on Saturday that Iran may revoke Khomeini's fatwa (religious edict).

Iran insists that the official, the Director for West European Affairs Hossein Mousavian, never made such a suggestion and that he was misquoted.

Khamenei's speech clarified any doubts about Tehran's immovable support for the fatwa and crushed hopes that Britain and Iran might soon defuse the crisis, diplomats said.

"The Imam's (Khomeini's) ruling on Salman Rushdie is based on divine words and as such is solid and irrevocable," Khamenei said.

He offered Britain "a simple solution" to the problem—hand over Rushdie for execution.

## MIDEAST STORIES

**China supports Mubarak:** Chinese Defence Minister Qin Jiwei met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday and told him his country supported his proposal for a nuclear-free Middle East.

Egyptian Defence Minister Youssif Sabri Abu Taleb told reporters after a one-hour meeting between Qin and Mubarak that China backed Egypt in its call, a proposal sidestepped by Arab states during a summit last week. (Reuters)

**Four sentenced to death:** A Cairo criminal court yesterday sentenced four Muslim fundamentalists to death for killing a teen-ager after trying him for alleged immoral behaviour.

The fundamentalists killed the 14-year-old boy to the home of one of them, tied him with a robe and then set up a religious tribunal.

They strangled him after a summary trial then buried him in a hole at a graveyard in a Cairo suburb on June 20 last year. (AP)

**Sudan rejects US proposal:** Sudan's military government said yesterday it rejected a US proposal to end a 7-year-old civil war that has caused hundreds of thousands of deaths in southern Sudan.

Col Mohamed Al Amin Khalifa, member of the ruling 15-officer Junta, told the newspaper Al Ingaz Al Watany the American proposal was designed "to internationalise" the conflict unnecessarily. (AP)

**Cable News to broadcast in Egypt:** The US-based Cable News Network (CNN) television news service is to start broadcasting in Egypt, Information Minister Saifawi Sherif said yesterday.

He said a one-million-dollar company would be formed this month with the State Television and Radio Authority owning 60 per cent. Private Egyptian investors would have 20 per cent and the "American side" 20 per cent, Sherif added. (Reuters)

**Council of judges dismisses charges against British 'supergun-driver'**

PATRAS, Greece, June 5. (AP): A council of magistrates today dismissed all charges against a British driver whose truck contained a part of the alleged Iraqi supergun.

The three-member council of magistrates ruled that there was insufficient evidence to try driver Paul Ashwell on charges of importing a weapon into Greece. His truck and trailer will be returned to him.

Ashwell, from Northampton, England,

was charged and detained on April 21 after British authorities told Greek customs officials that a 30-ton steel tube on his truck could be part of a giant artillery piece ordered by Iraq.

Ashwell was released on May 11 after a London newspaper, the Daily Mirror, posted bail of five million drachmas (\$32,300). He was ordered to remain in this western port city while the charges against him were investigated. The bail money will be returned to the newspaper.

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FIS rally

More than 60,000 supporters of the Islamic Salvation Front attended a rally on June 4 in a sports stadium outside Algiers. Their leader Abraai Madani predicted that they would win the country's first free elections held this week. (Reuters wirephoto)

Islamists predict election victory

## Libya changes face

Basic freedoms restored

TRIPOLI, Libya, June 5. (UPI): Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khaddafi has released hundreds of prisoners, halted executions and unshackled the private sector in a liberalisation aimed at heading off discontent with his socialist regime.

The changes have been under way for more than 18 months.

They clearly are visible on the streets of Tripoli and on the faces of its 1.2 million inhabitants. Officials, citizens and foreigners seem relaxed as basic freedoms are restored.

"Khaddafi has kept his people bottled up for such a long time that they really did need a few outlets," Andrew Lyett, co-author of a 1987 book "Khaddafi" and the Libyan revolution, said in an interview.

"Two years ago, there was nothing in sight for the Libyan people. Unless they had an easier lifestyle, they definitely were going to get rid of Khaddafi."

Today the retail sector is flourishing. Private stores near central Green Square sell everything from electric guitars to Western newspapers.

There is little variety on the normally empty shelves of state-run "people's supermarkets." But Libyans supplement diets with fruit and vegetables that farmers sell on the airport road to the capital.

One enterprising shopkeeper on Green Square hawks battery-operated model Boeing US Marine helicopters with Stars and Stripes markings.

"These are for children," he says, dismissing suggestions they evoke memories of the April 15, 1986, US bombings of Libya. The bombings were in retaliation for alleged Libyan involvement in bombing a West German disco in Berlin frequented by American servicemen. "Normally I charge 15 dinars. But for you I will make it 12."

The friendly shopkeeper openly quotes the black market rate of \$1 to the Libyan dinar—three times the official rate. "This is the price to do business. The other rate is quoted in banks."

Under portrait of Khaddafi erected on Green Square, street photographers with Polaroid cameras use stuffed lions and wolves and plastic plants as props as they snap shots of provincial tourists.

Libyan television has joined in the new openness.

Authorities are experimenting with commercials for Libyan Airlines. Publicly previously was banned. Television authorities also have leavened the staple fare of Egyptian soap operas and folklore by beaming Walt Disney cartoons and quiz programmes to Libya's 3.8 million people.

When a reporter visited Libya five years ago, Khaddafi frowned on private enterprise. There were merely three restaurants open in Tripoli. The city's souk, or street market, was closed.

Now smart restaurants offer Italian and Syrian cuisine, staying open late into the night. Scores of cafés sprang up on the sand-swept sidewalks. Libya's 20-year ban on public consumption of alcohol remains in force in line with its strict adherence to Islamic theology.

But officials turn a blind eye to foreign companies.

Government agencies issue fewer letters of credit to foreign companies than before, when they gave them willy-nilly. The luxury Mehri Hotel was completed by a French company for the September celebrations, but other prestige projects are on the back burner.

Nevertheless, thousands of businessmen fly to Tripoli each month from Zurich, Frankfurt and Vienna seeking contracts.

Many are Britons deterred by the refusal of their prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, to restore relations that were broken after the 1984 shooting of a policewoman outside the Libyan embassy in London. Western diplomats say about 6,000 British citizens are in Libya.

Britain wants compensation for the shooting and an end to Khaddafi's support of the IRA.

## Ruling takes effect

### Nullifying Cairo Parliament

CAIRO, June 5. (AP): A constitutional court ruling declaring the law under which the current Egyptian parliament was elected as null and void took effect yesterday. But there was no official word so far on the fate of the 458-member legislative body.

The verdict, issued May 19, left it to President Mubarak to decide whether to disband the People's Assembly (parliament) or simply order it to amend the election code to satisfy the court's objections.

The court however said the election code's flaws do not invalidate legislation enacted by the parliament since it was seated in 1987.

Mubarak's government argued before the court that the law does not violate individual rights, but the ruling that it did was widely expected. So was the ruling that parliament's actions are valid, because court findings in non-criminal suits cannot be retroactive.

"Since the People's Assembly elections were held... unconstitutional by the court in the present case, this ruling necessarily means that the composition of the assembly has been null since it was elected," court president Mamdouh Mustafa Hassan said.

## Sheikh Hamad in Damascus

# Kuwait-Egypt extradition treaty enforced

## Amnesty commends country

THE Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs has formed a committee under the chairmanship of the assistant undersecretary for legal affairs and planning for co-ordination tasks with the Interior Ministry and elections committee to overcome any potential problem during the elections of the national council.

Speaking to a local daily, Abdul Aziz Dakheel Al Dakheel, the undersecretary at the ministry said that implementation of

the agreement has begun between Kuwait and Cairo on the extradition of prisoners. Egyptian prisoners in Kuwait jails convicted for varying charges such as issuing bad cheques, robbery, attempted murder, rape, bribery and other total 47, the official said.

He added that under the agreement, Egyptian citizens receiving jail terms for indictments by Kuwait courts can serve

their terms in Egyptian jails and Kuwait prisoners in Egypt can do their time in Kuwait.

### Lauded

He said that a delegation from the World Amnesty Organisation (WAO) has of late visited the country and after attending a number of procedural court sessions expressed high commendation of Kuwait's role in protecting human rights,

combating international terrorism and Co-operation with the WAO in this field.

He said that the ministry has prepared a special plan to qualify the Kuwaiti personnel to take up key positions in the judicial field, and that this required the establishment of a special institute for judicial and legal studies in Kuwait.

He pointed out that the ministry is now planning executive steps to begin implementing the project.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Housing meeting

KUWAIT, June 5. (Kuna): Secretary of the Higher Housing Council Dr Ibrahim Majid Al Shaihan today said that the council will hold a meeting under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Salem Al Sabah tomorrow.

He told Kuna that the council will look into issues on its agenda including proposals to establish other channels to support the public housing authority's bid to provide housing for citizens by means of shortening their waiting period.

The council is to complete discussing a report tabled by the committee on drawing policies and plans on determining areas of housing units to be allocated by the authority in the fourth five-year development plan 1990-91 to 1994-95, Shaihan went on.

The council is to discuss the two studies presented by the Kuwait Municipality at the council's request first on unused land lots inside Kuwait City and possibility of benefiting from them within the authority's plan, he said.

The secretary said that another issue would be discussing a possible increase in population density in old model residential quarters along with other issues.

### Telex services

KUWAIT, June 5. (Kuna): Telex services are available with more than 150 world countries and plans are under way to expand the services to other states, said a marketing source in the Ministry of Communications here yesterday.

Aware of the indispensable service for businessmen, the sources said the ministry had recently reduced telex charges, explaining that annual subscription for a regular machine was reduced from KD430 to KD165, for a machine with screen from the previous KD 600 to KD250 and rates for a bilingual machine with screen were cut to KD300 from the previous KD700.

Surely for a Kuwaiti subscriber to the service is KD400 while non-Kuwaiti subscribers are to deposit a cash bond of KD2,000 to benefit from telex services, he indicated.

The surety is payable in cash or against a bank guarantee valid for two years, the source concluded.

### Qatar crown prince

CAIRO, June 5. (Kuna): The Crown Prince and Defence Minister of Qatar Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani yesterday stressed the need for bringing an end to the state of no peace and no war between Iraq and Iran, accusing foreign powers, he did not name, of prolonging the state of instability in the region.

Speaking at a news conference here today, Sheikh Hamad said Qatar was keen on boosting Arab national security and exerting every possible effort for settling conflicts in the Arab region.

Asked on the possibility of unity among the Gulf countries, Sheikh Hamad said unity was the hope of Gulf peoples, saying that goal could be realized in the future. He did not elaborate.

### Labour week

THE director of the Foreign Relations Department at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry Waleed Naser Al Areefi, and his deputy Saad Abdullah Al Huweil, will represent Kuwait at the Gulf joint committee for preparation and co-ordination for the 4th Arab Gulf Labour Week which will be held in the West Bank in May next year.

The secretary general of the GCC Council of Social Affairs and Labour follow-up bureau Kamel Saleh Al Saleh told a local daily that the first labour week, celebrated in the UAE in 1985, was the first event at which all labour trends and activities in the Gulf were embodied, the second held in Bahrain in 1987, was another success.

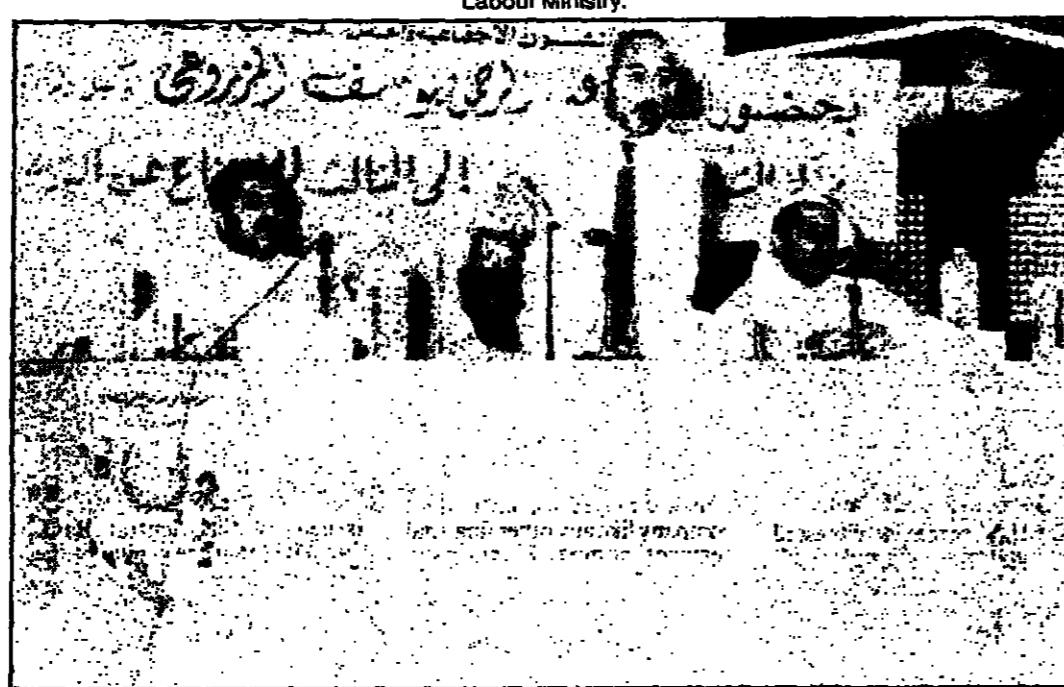
He said that there will be a comprehensive evaluation carried out by participants in the week through forms especially prepared for this purpose to be circulated among and then the results and analysis will be undertaken by the follow-up bureau.



### Anti-smoking symposium

Dr Hussain Al Momen, secretary of the Kuwait anti-smoking and cancer control society, delivered a lecture at a symposium held in the Youth centre in Dala marking the International Smoking Control Day during which he urged all smokers, especially youths, to break the habit. He stressed the different hazards to human health caused by smoking.

Dr Momen also highlighted effective ways to give up the smoking habit. Attending the symposium was the assistant undersecretary for youth affairs at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry.



## Settle price-hike grievances call

### Co-ops portfolio \$1bn annually

AL SEYASSAH recently organised a seminar on the co-operative movement in the country which was opened by the deputy editor-in-chief of the daily, Sulaiman Al Jarallah.

Speaking on the occasion, Jarallah referred to the complaints of citizens on the frequent price increases of consumer goods at the co-operative societies and commented: "The customer is always right" and called on officials to follow-up these complaints by using the media to publish these grievances which could be used as a bridge between citizens and officials for working out amicable settlements.

Jarallah said that the government had extended numerous facilities to citizens and the co-operative societies should emulate the state's example.

Speaking on the Kuwaitisation process at the co-operative societies, he said that the issue falls within the national duties, but the salary scale at co-operatives is insufficient to induce Kuwaitis to join.

Also speaking on the occasion, the director of co-operation at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Mohammed Al Kandari said that the co-operative department was set up at the Business Studies College initially on the recommendation of the Co-operative Societies Union with the objective of providing co-ops with graduates of this department.

Unfortunately, he said the majority had joined the co-operation department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour who in fact did not need all these graduates. They were recruited on the recommendations of the government based on a feeling of patriotism.

#### Salaries

He disclosed that in principle the union had agreed to give a salary of KD640 to married graduates and KD575 to bachelors.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Co-operative Societies Union, Saad Al Sawarej said that the salaries referred to by Kandari had been suggested by the ministry, but the union has recommended a salary of KD468 for married graduates and KD380 for bachelors. He added that the ministry had suggested the

application of the salary scale as prevalent at the co-operation department, but this suggestion was turned down by the union.

Sawarej said that there are about 8,121 employees of whom only six per cent are Kuwaitis employed as managers or deputy managers — though the other leading posts are now being Kuwaitised.

Dr Jassim Al Omer, the assistant dean for academic and training affairs at the Business Studies College, also speaking at the seminar talked about the co-operation department of the college which is affiliated to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Paaet).

He said that study was undertaken in 1980 to set up the co-operation department at the college and a committee was formed to pursue this issue. The committee represented members of the government, in addition to eight representatives from the co-operative sector, five from the university, six from the co-operative sector, five from the university, six from the technical institutes, four from technical and vocational education and five from the training staff at the Business Studies College.

#### Personnel

On June 30, 1981, the committee submitted its report, recommending that there was an imperative need for providing the co-operative sector with qualified personnel and had estimated actual needs at 105 graduates to cover annual needs of 20 co-ops. This was the estimation at that time, compared to 40 co-ops as at present and is expected to reach up to 70 co-ops during the new five year plan.

Unfortunately, he said that the co-operative societies did not take due cognisance of the suggestions even though their portfolio is estimated to be \$1 billion annually.

He pointed out that a study conducted by the Business Institute in 1985 confirmed that Kuwaiti graduates found it difficult to obtain jobs at co-ops and hinted that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Co-operative Societies Union should be held responsible.

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## National Council building nearing completion

THE new National Council Building is nearing completion and is expected to be open to members on June 10, 1990. Technicians and Labourers are actively involved in executing works to meet the dead line for the opening, a local daily said.

The new building was previously the temporary mini-

sters council building whose employees have now begun relocating to the Ministry of Public Health building situated in Sulaibikhat.

Assistant Secretary of the National Council, Shareeda Al Moshriji stated that the State Minister for Cabinet Affairs has issued a decision appointing the

council general secretariat to carry out works of the National Council General Secretariat.

He indicated that the main hall is characterised as being able to accommodate a maximum of 120 members. The council will have a total of 200 to 350 employees. After several sessions, the council will take a recess and return in October 1990.

The first and ground floors of the new council building will be reserved for meetings with a 2,025 square metre area. The halls have been furnished to include audio and televised recording devices and the first floor has been equipped with 711 seats for public viewing.

## Controversy rages over 'margin' money

### Amendment in company law requested

A NEW major problem resulting from the lack of precise legal clauses and involving tens of millions of Kuwaiti dinars is currently facing a large number of Kuwaiti money exchange companies.

In Kuwait there are two types of money exchangers, companies subjected to the supervision of the Kuwait Central Bank and establishments under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. All money exchange companies and establishments are banned by law to carry out any banking business like accepting deposits, issuing cheques and others. But, money exchange companies are allowed by law and the regulating charter of the Central Bank to carry out forward deals in foreign currencies and precious metals.

To carry out such an investment activity on behalf of local investors, these companies are allowed to take a certain amount of money as security money locally known as "margin" money.

On its part, the Central Bank considers this amount as only "security" money needed by the company to preserve its rights in case of loss in trading.

But the problem did not remain for long confined to theoretical interpretation.

Since January this year, many local investors who asked the money exchange companies to invest on their behalf in foreign currencies and precious metals and lost.

have filed cases in the courts asking the companies to pay back the security money to them.

Their claim is substantiated by the controversy over the interpretation whether the "margin" money is security or deposit.

#### Security

Issa Bahman moved quickly and raised the issue with the Governor of Central Bank, Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Salem. He sent him a letter in later January requesting him to intervene and protect the companies from a disaster. The governor quickly replied after one week and stressed that the bank has prepared a unified contract for trading in foreign currencies and precious metals and in the contract put special emphasis on the nature of the "margin" money.

#### Catastrophe

This "margin" money has become the centre of controversy between the Kuwaiti courts on one hand and the Kuwait Money Exchangers Union and the Central Bank and other government authorities on the other. Chairman of the Money Exchangers Union, Issa Bahman has called upon the Central Bank to prevent a "catastrophe" from damaging a large number of money exchange companies. The courts believe that accepting the so-called security or margin money to preserve the companies' rights in case of loss in trade in precious metals, is more or less like accepting a deposit which is totally banned by the law.

King Fahd, a member of an Arab League tripartite panel on Lebanon, secured agreement by Arab leaders to extend the mission of the committee by a further six months.

The meeting, boycotted by Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, also approved a Saudi call for setting up an international fund to reconstruct Lebanon, devastated by 15 years of civil war.

SPA quoted Saudi Information Minister Ali Al Shaer as saying that King Fahd also said the panel, which includes Morocco and Algeria, would continue its efforts to implement an Arab peace plan ratified by Lebanese parliamentarians in the Saudi city of Taif last October.

The plan calls for a greater say for the Muslim majority in the Christian-dominated political system.

But it was rejected by Christian army general Michel Aoun because it did not provide for a speedy withdrawal of Syria's estimated 40,000 troops from Lebanon.

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Meanwhile, the lectures said that in 1989, the college had decided to suspend the admission process as it was observed that the majority of the department's graduates had joined the Ministry of Health, Social Affairs and Labour, but not the co-operative societies. He said that it was discovered that 80 per cent of graduates were not working in their field of specialisation.

Omer concluded by stressing the importance of co-operation between the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and Co-operative Societies Union to find solutions for recruiting the co-operative department graduates in the co-operative sector.

Meanwhile, one graduate currently working at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Adel Al Ansari told the seminar that upon his graduation from the college he was offered KD200 per month only by a co-operative society, who recommended that he apply to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Consumer Societies, Saad Abad Sawarej told a local daily that if the union decides on purchasing a certain commodity that does not mean that the co-ops are supposed to buy and supply the same commodity to consumers.

He said that any co-op is free to buy the commodity of its choice based on its exclusive purchase quality. However, if the co-op chooses to buy this commodity, it must honour the conventional commitment to the price affixed to this commodity.

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He added that the committee formed for studying the possibility and feasibility of establishing the proposed Judicial Studies Institute, wound up its activities and submitted a report to the Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs who has referred it for comments to the Supreme Judicial Council and the approval was given.

He said that the proposed institute will undertake the preparation of qualified Kuwaiti personnel to shoulder the judicial responsibilities based on a special judicial training system that takes into account time-honoured Kuwaiti traditions and social conventions.

#### Incentives

He pointed out that the relevant authorities at the ministry are currently engaged in a study for the establishment of a summary court in the governorate of Farwania, which is meant to meet the needs of the on-going process of urban expansion there, adding that this would help decentralise the judicial process.

He said that senior officials at the ministry are fully concerned over the need to improve the situation of occupants of assistant position in the judicial systems, adding that incentives and allowances will be allocated as part of the ministry efforts to sort out existing problems.

He added that the ministry recently made a number of promotions by merit and endorsed special payments to employees with outstanding performance.

deposit is owned totally by the bank which can deal with its activities with the pledge to refund it to depositor, but the amount of "margin" can't be used by the recipient (the money exchange companies) in purposes other than those specified in the contract, to cover the losses of the client in the trading.

The "margin" may not be refunded at all or at least part of it, and this is where the "margin" differs from bank deposits. Sheikh Salem said that the Central Bank has greatly emphasised on the "special" nature of the "margin" money received. He added that the bank has prepared a unified contract for trading in foreign currencies and precious metals and in the contract put special emphasis on the nature of the "margin" money.

On his part, the finance minister also requested in his letter to the minister of justice, to introduce a legal amendment to article 187 of the commercial companies law in a bid to differentiate between the concept of bank deposits and the margin being taken by the companies.

The minister of finance said that a number of court verdicts have been issued in favour of clients and have declared the contracts for trading in foreign currencies and precious metals against taking the amount of margin as void and illegal. This resulted in ordering the companies to pay back the whole amount of "margin" money accepted by the money exchange companies, stressed by government.

He added that the bank

in his letter to the chairman of the Money Exchangers Union, Sheikh Salem Abdulaziz Al Sabah affirmed that the Central Bank does not consider the amount of money paid by clients and called as "margin" money, as a banking deposit. The legal view of the judges is that as money exchange companies accept the security money from dealers and as it is like accepting deposits banned by the law, it becomes obligatory for these companies to refund the deposits or margin money to local dealers.

He told a local daily that the ministry is co-ordinating with a number of ministries and government agencies in discussing the current rental law and other law of economic relevance, in the light of experience drawn from the enforcement of these laws over the past years.

He said that the intention is to determine the areas of shortages as the government goes ahead towards the revitalisation of national economy.

He said that the ministry is currently involved in a study of the existing penal code, and procedural actions to determine existing



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## Thought for today

**IN charity, there is no excess — Francis Bacon, English philosopher-writer (1561-1626).**

### Intra-Arab killing curbed

## Youths help halt violence

NABLUS, Israeli-Occupied West Bank. (CSM): In a small, dingy office in downtown Nablus, two intense young Palestinians, anonymous members of the shadowy "Guardians of the Uprising," tell of efforts to prevent the 29-month Palestinian uprising from turning against itself.

Part of a network formed six months ago by the city's uprising leadership, the youths have become a kind of neighbourhood "watch committee." Their mission is to help stop a wave of inter-Arab violence that, since the start of the uprising, has torn at the fabric of Palestinian unity.

In theory, the casualties have been from Palestinians who have collaborated with the Israeli occupation authorities. In fact, the uprising increasingly has been used to justify criminal activity or to settle old family or factional feuds.

"People have been exploiting the uprising," says one of the Guardians, a haggard, bearded 26-year-old.

Using tactics ranging from gentle persuasion to lethal force, the Guardians are one reason that the killing of Palestinians by other Palestinians has virtually ceased in Nablus since the start of the year. But elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza, internecine violence continues.

### Indication

"There's no indication yet that the problem is being controlled," says Lt Col Moshe Fogel, a spokesman for the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF).

Leaflets issued by the leadership of the Palestinian uprising now call for an end to the killings altogether, but many Palestinians privately say that, with no government and thus no prisons, no alternative exists to deal with Palestinians regarded as traitors.

Since the start of the uprising in December 1987, more than 210 Arabs have been killed by other Arabs, most since the early in 1989.

The killings have sapped the strength of the revolt against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israeli leaders, meanwhile, have pointed to the sometimes-brutal stayings to bolster their argument that Palestinians are not ready for independence — or ready even to participate in serious bargaining over the future status of the territories.

Israeli sources attribute the dramatic increase of inter-Arab violence to the strengthening of enforcement arms of the uprising, known as the "strike forces" or "Popular Army," which ensure compliance with boycotts and strike decisions handed down by the uprising leadership.

Palestinians attribute the increase to an Israeli offensive launched in May 1989, which combined a peace plan with aggressive military counter-measures, which included reactivating a network of Palestinian informers to report to Israeli security.

Whatever the reason, Palestinians now concede that the campaign to bring Palestinian quibbles to justice quickly provided a pretext to settle old scores, to avenge family feuds, and even to punish those accused of disreputable behaviour.

"It quickly turned to excess," concedes a Palestinian source, who asked not to be identified. "Collaborators became prostitutes and vice-versa. We allowed ourselves to be carried away."

"Once you legitimize the right to murder it becomes very difficult to stop," Colonel Fogel says. "They have lost control of the situation."

Daunted by bad publicity and fears of repeating the infighting that doomed the Arab revolt of the 1950s, Palestinians are seeking ways to impose stricter discipline.

The main Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) factions in Nablus have agreed on strict criteria for the death penalty: having killed other Palestinians, having sold Arab land to Israelis, or having recruited Arabs to co-operate with Israeli authorities.

The enforcement mechanism of choice has been social isolation. In one recent instance, the Guardians of the Uprising held an entire family living in Nablus' Casbah district under house arrest for six months until a family member accused of being a collaborator "repented."

When such techniques fail, Guardian members have resorted to sterner measures. Three months ago public beatings were administered to four youths who, without authorisation, attacked Palestinians that they had mistaken as collaborators.

In extreme cases, the ultimate punishment — the death penalty — is meted out, but no longer in public settings.

"It has to be done humanely," says the spokesman for the Guardians, whose operations have recently expanded to the West Bank town of Ramallah.

One Palestinian, shot to death for being a collaborator, turned out to be victim of mistaken identity. He was later declared a "martyr," the highest accolade bestowed by the uprising.

Inroads on free-lance violence in Nablus have also stemmed from an almost unprecedented coincidence of interest between the PLO and the IDF in curbing the excesses of two gangs accused of killing at least 25 Palestinians.

Operating freely in the Nablus Casbah, the Black Panthers and Red Eagles used M-16 rifles, pistols, and even Uzi submachine guns captured from Israel to kill randomly and often, challenging the control of both the PLO and Israel. After the Army broke up the groups in raids late last year, the PLO moved quickly to ensure that they did not re-emerge.

"If people have weapons and don't obey, that's a problem — especially when they act in your name," says a leading West Bank journalist of the stakes involved for the PLO. "As for the Israelis, they understand that if the Panthers weren't stopped, the day would come when such weapons would be used against them."

### TODAY IN HISTORY

1513 — French Army is defeated by Swiss at Novara and returns to France.

1520 — England's King Henry VIII and French's King Francis I sign treaty ending French interference in Scotland.

1645 — Sweden's Queen Christina abdicates, is succeeded by Charles X.

1660 — Peace of Copenhagen ends war between Sweden and Denmark, opening the Baltic to foreign warships.

1797 — Napoleon Bonaparte forms Ligurian republic in Genoa.

1840 — Carlist wars in Spain end with surrender of Carlist forces.

1871 — Alsace is annexed to Germany after French Army is defeated in Franco-Prussian war.

1884 — By treaty of Hue, emperor of Annam recognizes French protectorate.

1942 — Nazi forces burn town of Lidice in Bohemia and World War II.

1944 — "D-Day" landings made on Normandy beaches of France by Allied forces in World War II.

1967 — Egyptians close Suez Canal during Arab-Israel war.

1972 — Coal mine explosions in Rhodesia kill 431 workers.

1973 — West Germany completes ratification of treaty to normalize its relations with East Germany.

1984 — An Indian Army commander says atleast 250 Sikh militants and 47 army troops were killed in fighting inside historic Golden Temple complex in Amritsar.

1985 — Israel withdraws last troops from Lebanon, exactly three years after its invasion of the country.

1988 — War between rebels and Afghan government forces enters new stage as Soviet troops proceed with their withdrawal from Afghanistan.

1989 — Ethnic tensions mount in Soviet Uzbekistan, where party chief's riot sparked by marketplace disagreement took 50 lives.

# War clouds mass over Kashmir

Few South Asians want another fight

CSM: War clouds may be gathering between India and Pakistan as a result of unchecked student violence in the Indian state of Kashmir. Military confrontation between the two regional "superpowers," however brief, would be a war that few South Asians want but that many believe is unavoidable.

Problems involving Kashmir touch sensitive Hindu-Muslim communal nerve endings in India and Pakistan. Their dispute over Kashmir goes back to the 1947 partition of Britain's former domains into the two nations of Pakistan — explicitly Muslim — and India — avowedly secular but heavily Hindu in numbers.

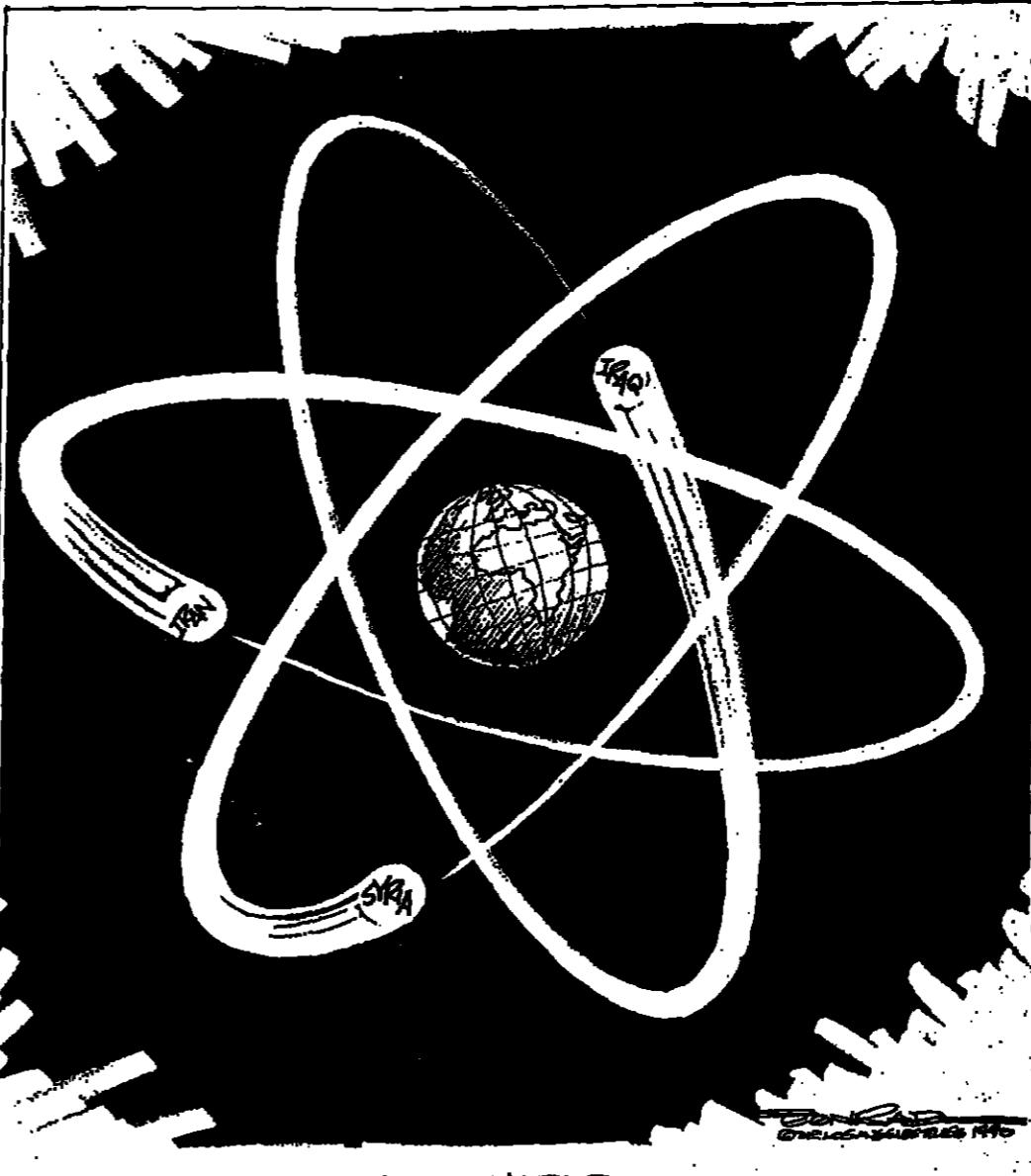
Although its population of 5 million was heavily Muslim, and despite an initial desire for independence, Kashmir, a princely state the size of Minnesota, acceded to Indian in 1948 while under attack from infiltrators from Pakistan. The decision was made by Kashmir's then rulers, a Hindu maharajah (father of the late Indian ambassador to Washington), and his Muslim prime minister, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the legendary "Lion of Kashmir."

In the years since, India and Pakistan have fought three brief wars, each growing out of unresolved residue of the 1947 partition. Twice the issue was Kashmir, where Pakistan forced a test of arms; in all three conflicts, Pakistan was the loser, as all agree it would be again. Today, each country controls about a third of the territory of Kashmir (the rest is mainly under Chinese rule). India's portion contains most of what is worth having in the state, including the storied Vale of Kashmir, known for its houseboats, scenic beauty, handicrafts, and beautiful women.

A plebiscite that the United Nations, in 1949, hoped would resolve the problem was never held, due mainly to Indian unwillingness to accept what could have been a dangerous precedent to the process by which rulers of most of the other princely states decided to join India. More than 40 years later, Indian and Pakistani troops remain entrenched along a UN-monitored "line of control" stretching from the plains to the snows of the high Himalayas.

The current crisis grows out of deeply rooted Kashmiri dissatisfaction with India, accentuated by what has become chronic governmental instability in Srinagar. New Delhi took over direct rule some time back, using constitutional provision under which India's parliament can directly govern a state when local governance fails. Violence erupted last December, but has continued despite vigorous repression and curfews.

Unlike earlier violent challenges to Indian authority in Kashmir, the current turmoil appears both spontaneous and political. Earlier spasms of violence in Kashmir were either provoked by deliberate Pakistani actions, as in 1948 and 1965, or had a local communal origin. External stimulus appears lacking in the present situation. And although student demands remain inchoate, independence, not union with Pakistan, seems their goal.



Recurse to violence, and the willingness of otherwise docile Kashmiris to suffer its consequences, testifies to the extent of pent-up resentment at "alien" Indian rule.

With history as its guide, India alleges Pakistani complicity. But although the sympathies of Pakistanis are obvious, there is not hard evidence to support this charge. Pakistan denies involvement,

while seeming to prepare for the worst as tensions rise on both sides of the Indo-Pakistani border. Ministers have met, but inconclusively; newspapers in both capitals feed public passions. India has appointed a cabinet-level trouble-shooter to deal with the situation; and India leaders — while seeking to improve ties in the region — have warned soberly of the possibility of war.

## Superpower summit achieved little

WASHINGTON (Reuters): As the euphoria of the Washington summit dissipates, some analysts are saying the meetings between President Mikhail Gorbachev and President George Bush produced little beyond a media jamboree and a lot of hyperbole.

"Never have so many said so much about so little. The fact is there really was nothing that wasn't prepared and agreed beforehand," said Uri Ra'anan, a professor of Soviet studies at Boston University.

"They have trivialised summits into how much the leaders and their wives like each other. This was from beginning to end a non-event," he said.

At their final news conference on Sunday, Bush and Gorbachev acknowledged that they were still divided on two central points — whether a unified Germany should be a full member of Nato and how to handle the nationalist aspirations of the Baltic republics.

**Conflicts**

There was little visible sign of movement on regional conflicts like Afghanistan and the Middle East or on crucial conventional arms reduction talks for Europe.

But the leaders said they had at least gained a

better understanding of each other's position and developed a warm personal rapport.

For some commentators, the idea that personal friendship between leaders should influence the course of superpower relations is worrying in itself.

"We got nothing except the so-called personal relationship. Just when Gorbachev is striking further and further, this is not the time for Bush to be bragging about his personal relationship with this particular politician," said Kim Holmes, director of political and defence studies at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

He and other right-wing analysts criticised Bush for making what they described as the only concession at the summit — signing a trade agreement with Gorbachev that did not link the granting of Most Favoured-National status to a resolution of the Baltic crisis.

Bush made it clear that for him at least, MFN was conditional only on passage of Soviet emigration legislation and not on independence for Lithuania.

Others saw the summit in a more positive light.

### Unification

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said it had improved conditions for German unification and encouraged confidence that the question of

German membership of Nato would be sorted out in time.

Richard Fieldhouse, a military analyst with the Natural Resources Defence Council, approaching the summit with a more left-wing view, said it was disingenuous to analyse it merely in terms of the four days of discussions in Washington.

"Part of the reason for scheduling the summit was to give the arms control negotiators a deadline to complete Start (strategic arms reduction treaty)," he said.

Fieldhouse argued that without the deadline, the eight years of negotiations may have dragged on for ever longer. Setting a public target date meant that anything less than agreement would have been viewed by the world as failure.

In fact, not all the problems in start were ironed out in time. But enough were for the presidents to sign an agreement laying out the main points of the treaty and committing them to signing the actual document by the end of this year.

Both the Washington Post and New York Times took a positive view of the proceedings, arguing that the summit was another milestone in the transformation of superpower relations from rivalry to co-operation.

### Corrupt manager

SIR: I was one of about 17 passengers stranded at Goa airport on 19.4.1990 due to the denial of seats by the manager of Air-India office in Goa, in spite of the passengers having their seats reconfirmed as per regulations.

I wish to inform fellow passengers who suffered the same fate with me that I have now handed over the matter to Goan Welfare Society, who have already taken up the matter with the Kairali office of Air-India.

It is my sincere belief that the manager concerned has been resorting to such tactics at the cost of some local passengers at the cost of Kuwait-bound passengers, obviously for some quick bucks on the side. Your co-operation will help me to get these corrupt officials to bring to book and to handle the earlier this is done the better.

In order to enable GWS to make a proper case to ensure that the culprit is properly dealt with, I hereby call upon all the passengers affected due to the mishandling of Flight No. AI-857 of 19.4.90 as well as all passengers who have had similar experiences to please contact me on Tel. 2466718/9 or to contact Wilson Rodrigues on Tel. 2416298.

Trifomio Coutinho,  
Safat.

### Cheaper ticket

SIR: The other day one of the letters published in your daily drew my attention. Just a few days back I was thinking about the same issue. You can say I am one of those who always avail Gulf Air as my flight to Bombay.

My husband who is holding a job in the Ministry of Electricity is a local recruit. So we are the ones who do not get the benefit of annual passage money to our homeland. So for our annual visit we have to pay from our own pocket. As we go regularly every year so it is natural that we look for a cheaper ticket.

Though our own airline runs in the country but still we never avail it. Air-India shows no consideration for the Indian community residing in

profitable one of these days when air fares are on the increase.

We cannot expect Air-India to reduce the air fare because AI is a Maharaja and does not have the interest of the poor at heart.

Mentally tortured Indians, Kuwait.

### Pakistanis invited

SIR: This is with reference to a letter published in your newspaper (3/6) "PAC Veterans."

It is not astonishing that the so-called PAC executive committee has taken a "serious view" of the PAC membership campaign because it does not believe in democratic process. Since 1985, when the PAC was hijacked by the present self-proclaimed office-bearers, elections were never held for the PAC leadership and when they were asked to provide a list of their members, they declined to do so. They also refused to hold elections.

The under reference letter claims that the 25-year record they are holding, has no names of the veterans. This is an absurd argument which goes against them. As a matter of fact the record does not have the names of the self-proclaimed office-bearers but on the contrary it does include the names of some of the PAC veterans. Two PAC brochures of 1965 and 1974 are enclosed here with for your information.

We take this opportunity to invite all members of the Pakistani community to join the PAC. After the completion of initial membership drive elections will be held as announced in What's On column.

Members PAC (Veterans)  
Organising Committee,  
Kawali.

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## Bush reneges on no 'new' taxes pledge

"Okay, Mr President, Let's try again. Say, 'Read my lips. There will be no new taxes.'

"Why do people have to read my lips all the time? Because that's what you told the voters to do during the election campaign when you promised them no new taxes. Now that you're changing your position, we feel that it is important for the public to know that your lips won't be saying what they did in the past."

"Fuck, everyone knows I didn't mean no new taxes when I said it. That doesn't make any sense."

"You were the one who raised the lip factor. The American people have been reading yours since you came into office. When they find out that you're willing to change your stand, your credibility is going to go down the drain. That's why we're making this TV special from the Oval Office. We want the country to realize that even the President can speak out of both sides of his mouth."

"Well, what am I supposed to say?"

Economy

"I'd like you to announce that, while you maintain your pledge on no

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Dollar closes lower

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): The dollar closed fractionally lower in Europe today in a lacklustre market that remained sensitive to political news about the Soviet Union and German unification dealers said.

The US currency had started down against major currencies and, although it gained some ground during the day, its progress evaporated in late business. Dealers said there was little in the way of economic news to lend it any clear direction.

They said it found some support in morning trade from news of ethnic unrest in the Soviet city of Osh near the Chinese border in which 11 people were reported killed and 210 injured after police opened fire on a rioting crowd yesterday.

"This was the only news which moved the dollar today, but the impact was temporary," said Makoto Aratake, dealer at Bank of Tokyo in London.

The dollar closed in London at 1,6918 West German marks and 152.83 Japanese yen compared with 1,6955 and 152.95 yesterday. It was also weaker against the pound sterling and the Swiss and French francs.

Dealers said the currency market was nervous about political factors and that any report indicating instability in the Soviet Union or uncertainty about unification between East and West Germany could support the dollar and undermine the mark.

The mark is suffering from worries about the strain that unification could put on West Germany's economy. There are fears in the market that some politicians might demand changes to the unification treaty in favour of East Germany, pushing up the cost of unification and increasing inflationary pressure.

Gold bullion recovered some of yesterday's losses that pushed it close to a four-year low. Traders bought some gold today to balance out overseas positions, but business was unusually quiet and the metal closed around \$35.50 an ounce in London from a previous \$35.75.

"It's been stuck around the pillar point of \$35 for most of the day," one London bullion trader said.

On stock markets, British shares closed mixed after a volatile day that saw them rally in early trade then fall back after an initial mark-up in prices drove investors away.

### WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

TOKYO, June 5. (Reuters): Stocks closed little changed as brokers sought in vain for direction. Optimism over record Wall Street gains and possible interest rate declines in the United States gave way to caution. The Nikkei index closed 3.75 down at 32,921.62.

SYDNEY: Stocks closed at their highest for more than two months on good volume after a solid performance on Wall Street sustained a local rally. The All Ordinaries index ended 3.9 up at 1,528.8.

SINGAPORE: Shares closed lower in quiet trading on profit-taking or selling to cut losses. The Straits Times index fell 1.74 to 1,550.71.

BOMBAY: Share prices ended mixed in poor trading as players kept to the sidelines ahead of the end-of-account period later this week. For the second day institutions were the only buyers. The Bombay Stock Exchange index fell 2.50 to 795.11.

LONDON: Shares declined in a volatile market during the late session as Wall Street's early rally ran out of steam. At 1442 GMT the FTSE index was unchanged at 2,379.0.

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Piracha presents budget on Thursday

## Pakistan will fall short of IMF targets

Govt pledges to keep new taxes to a minimum

ISLAMABAD, June 5. (Reuters): A year ago Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto reined in defence spending, but military tension with India and civil strife in southern Pakistan made any repetition in this week's budget virtually impossible.

The threat of war with India over a Muslim uprising in Indian Kashmir prompted the government to raise defence spending by at least four billion rupees (\$180 million) in April.

But exactly how much extra the armed forces have spent in preparing for conflict remains a closely guarded secret.

"They are certainly scrabbling,

around for everything they can lay their hands on," a Western military analyst said. "They are asking for accelerated deliveries and have their procurements agents out all over the place."

Economists say much of April's rise in defence spending was covered by increases in fuel and fertiliser prices. The increase in defence costs was equivalent to nearly eight per cent of budgeted expenditure for the July through June 1989-90 year.

Finance Minister of State Ehsanul Haq Piracha is likely to tell the National Assembly when he presents the budget on Thursday that Pakistan

cannot ignore India's 27 per cent increase in defence spending announced in February.

But with Benazir pledged to meet tough economic conditions set by the International Monetary Fund, Pakistan's room for extra spending is limited.

Although the budget and current account deficits have fallen, foreign reserves have risen and inflation has been tamed this year, Pakistan will fall short of IMF targets.

The IMF is likely to accept that Pakistan is moving in the right direction and allow slippage in its four-year

adjustment programme, which began in 1988. Western economists say.

The government has already disclosed plans to raise development spending by 13 per cent to 63 billion rupees (\$2.9 billion) for fiscal 1990-91, and has pledged to keep new taxes to a minimum.

A major problem is that Pakistan has a very narrow tax base. But political constraints make it extremely hard to spread the net by including agriculture or forcing more people to pay income tax, economists say.

With the population growing by at least 3.1 per cent a year, one of the

highest rates in the world, Pakistan must increase spending on education and infrastructure enormously to even maintain the present low standards.

"The government simply cannot do all the things that it has to do with such little resources," a Western diplomat said.

Piracha will give details on Thursday of a previously announced general sales tax that is being introduced as a quasi-value added tax on large manufacturers.

He could also announce a two or three percent tax on bank credit, according to business, but is unlikely to

make any substantial moves on expanding income tax.

Further cuts in government red tape on industrial investment and a further reduction in tariff and non-tariff trade barriers are widely expected.

The government has failed to meet a pledge to sell off shares worth \$70 million in state-owned enterprises this year.

But the successful sale of 10 per cent of its stake in Pakistan International Airlines last month is expected to lead to a much larger disinvestment from the Muslim Commercial Bank next year and the sale of a fertiliser maker.

Sheikh Ali denies quota violation

## Kuwait sticks to Opec accord



Sheikh Ali

about the weakening market.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was quoted below \$15 a barrel for prompt loading for the first time since December, 1989. It firmed up 38 cents early this year.

New York July futures for light, gasoline-rich crude oil delivered in the United States lost an early 50 cents to trade around \$16.60.

The new falls in spot (free market) and futures prices extended a steady decline of recent weeks which is taking the real value of the barrel, allowing for inflation, to around levels last seen in the glut of the mid-1980s.

Saudi contract prices are based on a formula of average spot values less a discount. Traders said Saudi Arabia was widening the discount by 35 cents to Europe, 40 cents to the United States and up to 70 cents for heavy grades sold in Asia.

Meanwhile, world oil prices went into a tailspin today because traders doubt Opec would curb excess supply to mop up the latest glut.

Reports that Saudi Arabia is offering discounts on July prices and the release of statistics showing continued high production by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) increased recent anxiety

### Stocks index drops

## UAE profits soar

ABU DHABI, June 5. (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates' unofficial stocks index dropped several points in May despite a series of record profits announcements, local brokers said.

"Supply has largely exceeded demand and as a result prices of shares of major banks and companies declined," said Adnan Al Sarraf, head of the share dealing at the National Investment and Securities Corporation (Niscorp).

The National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD), which compiles an index of 22 of the biggest banks and firms in the country, said the index dropped to 1,369.78 points on May 28 from 1,377.15 on May 1. It stood at 1,421.98 at the beginning of 1990.

The rise in supply was because some investors wanted to take advantage of recently higher share prices and others needed liquidity for some project," Sarraf added.

NBAD senior manager Ziad Dabbas said the first few months of the year, when major firms and banks in the country, were always the busier on the telephone-traded market. He expected turnover and prices to stabilise later.

The UAE market, like other stock markets and exchanges in the Gulf, faces possible change.

Some brokers and officials are pushing for an official market and urging that foreigners be allowed to invest to improve turnover and liquidity. At present only UAE nationals can invest.

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## Economy grows

## Bahrain budget deficit narrows

BAHRAIN, June 5. (Reuters): Bahrain's budget deficit narrowed by 31.7 per cent to \$8 million dinars (\$154 million) in 1989 on higher oil revenues during the year, official figures showed.

The Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA) said in its annual report government revenues climbed 9.1 per cent to 438 million dinars (\$1.165 billion) while expenditure rose 2.9 per cent to 496 million dinars (\$1.319 billion).

The 1988 deficit was \$4.9 million dinars (\$225 million) nearly 17 times greater than the previous year.

Economists say firmer crude prices and increased business confidence in the wake of a 1988 ceasefire in the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq is fuelling an upturn in the oil-dependent economies of Bahrain and other Gulf states.

The BMA did not give growth figures. Statistics compiled by Gulf International Bank in January predicted Bahrain's gross domestic product would grow by 2.5 per cent during 1989 compared with two per cent in 1988.

Bahrain's trade deficit widened by 42 per cent to 97.2 million dinars (\$258 million) in 1989 despite higher income from oil exports, the BMA said.

This was fuelled by a 13 per cent jump in non-oil imports — mainly machinery, manufactured goods, and chemicals — to 653.3 million dinar (\$1.74 billion) during the year.

"It is not surprising the trade deficit is bigger — people are importing, consuming and investing more," one Gulf-based economist said.

Bahrain's inflation rate rose 1.5 per cent during 1989, reversing four successive years of declines, the BMA said.

The island's oil trade surplus jumped 15.5 per cent to 333.8 million dinars (\$88 million) in 1989.

Bahrain buys most of the crude for its 250,000 barrel per day refinery from Saudi Arabia. Its own reserves are expected to run out by the turn of the century unless new oil is discovered offshore during current exploration.

Non-oil exports edged up 1.7 per cent to 227.3 million dinars (\$591 million) in 1989.

The BMA said Bahrain's balance of payments narrowed by 16.5 per cent to 150.7 million dinars (\$401 million). It did not give a complete breakdown of accounts.

## World Bank approves loans to Third World

WASHINGTON, June 5. (UPI): The World Bank announced Monday a total of \$440.6 million in loans to Algeria, Indonesia, Tanzania and other developing countries.

Public enterprises in Algeria will gain greater access to technical and financial resources through an industrial restructuring project that is being supported by the World Bank with five loans totalling \$99.5 million.

In addition, a \$50 million loan will be made to Guinea, the West African nation that is seeking to put into effect a programme designed to make it easier for entrepreneurs to set up businesses and to enable the private sector to play a more important role in the economy, through the International Development Association, the bank's concessional lending affiliate.

The multilateral organisation said that Indonesia is launching a project to promote domestic use of low-value natural gas as a substitute for high-value oil products with the help of a World Bank loan of \$86 million.

## KD market active

KUWAIT, June 5. (Reuters): The Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market was very active today, particularly in short dated and one month deposits, dealers said.

Overnight and tomorrow/next was later being quoted around 8-1/4 to 8-3/4 per cent. One month dealt at 8-9/16, but other fixed dates were quiet. Rates were slightly softer, said one dealer, as the Central Bank had been buying and selling on Monday, and the market had moved with their rates. Three months was quoted at 8-11/16 to 8-1/2, six months at 8-3/4 to 8-1/2, and twelve months at 8-13/16 to 8-9/16. The Central Bank fixed the dinar at 0.29195/205 to the dollar.

KUALA LUMPUR, June 5. (Kuna): Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad sees a golden triangle of tourism emerging from the proposed joint development zone between Johor of Malaysian southern state, Singapore and Indonesia's Batam island.

Suharto was here to attend the G-15 summit which ended yesterday.

The prime minister said they agreed that the golden triangle concept would facilitate growth in all three countries particularly in tourism.

He said benefit from the prosperity and spending power of Singapore and the spillover effect of its tourism industry, he told a news conference later.

Singapore, he added, would also benefit from this because tourism statistics showed that most tourists did not only visit Singapore but had also planned visits to neighbouring countries.

Singapore first Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong proposed in January the golden triangle, concept to develop the area into an economic zone in 1990s.

He said Batam, which is located 20 km from Singapore, and Johor could provide land, gas, water and labour for industries while Singapore would provide management expertise.

Dr Mahathir said he and President Suharto also discussed Indonesia's plan to supply water to Singapore from Batam island, adding that this would not affect Johor's normal supply of

water to Singapore.

The prime minister also said Malaysia would help promote visit Indonesia year tourism programmes next year by encouraging more visits to the republic.

For this, he said, Malaysia felt there should be more flights between Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta.

"Malaysia will help them in their programmes and they also will do likewise for visit Malaysia year 1990," he said. Malaysia and Indonesia signed a memorandum of understanding in

February to promote joint tourism. Issues discussed today include international and bilateral matters such as South-South co-operation and delineation line between the two nations in Kalimantan and the Straits of Malacca.

He said Indonesia and Malaysia, who are both exporters of natural resources such as cocoa, palm oil and petroleum, had also agreed to exchange information on marketing strategies for such commodities.

To a question, Dr Mahathir denied that Malaysia and Indonesia, although

competitors, were undercutting each other on palm oil export sales.

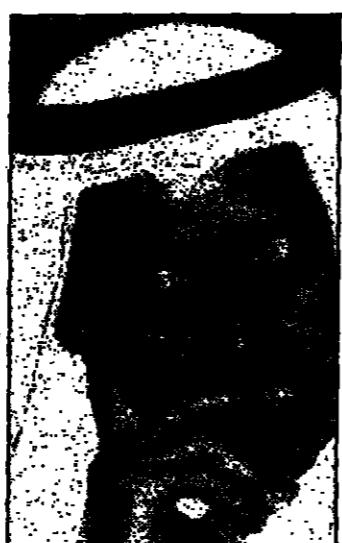
"The market is very big but what is important is that we do not compete to the point of doing damage to ourselves," he said.

The premier said the edible oils market was targeted to be around 90 million tonnes by the year 2000 and Indonesia might overtake Malaysia as a major palm oil exporter by then.

He added currently the price of Indonesia's palm oil was low because it was mainly for domestic consumption and not for export.

Al Khalid for Riyadh

## Plan to set up centre for commercial arbitration



Al Khalid

KUWAIT, June 5. (Agencies): Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid today left here for Riyadh to take part in the 15th session of trade co-operation committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council and another meeting of the Gulf Authority for Specification and Measurements due there on June 5 and 6.

Al Khalid told Kuna in a departure statement that the committee will continue consultations on allowing citizens of the six member states to exercise commission trading in addition to allowing institutions and production units in member states to open representative offices.

The ministers will also tackle authorising national airline companies to direct sales in the countries, Al Khalid added.

Al Khalid said that the agenda of the meeting will also include discussion of establishing a Bahrain-based centre for Commercial Arbitration.

The secretariat has also prepared a memorandum regarding Pakistan's request to

appoint a local agent in any member states for marketing its rice production. Al Khalid said noting this should comply to each member state's regulations.

He said the ministers of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain,

beside himself will also review a proposal by the secretariat to establish a committee for development of auditing systems in the council's member states.

Kuwait, the only GCC state to join the General Agreement for Trade and Tariff (GATT), will submit a study on the importance of being a member in such organisation, Al Khalid said.

He added that he will brief the committee on the outcome of the sixth meeting between the GCC chambers of commerce and the secretariat general as well as the minutes of the eighth meeting of the ministerial committee of the GCC Bureau for Boycott of Israel.

On the meeting of the Gulf Authority for Specification and Measurements, Al Khalid said GCC Secretary-General Abdalla Yacoub Bishara's report on the authority's accomplishments during the past period and its future plans will be reviewed in addition to other issues including the authority's budget for the year 1990-91.

Al Khalid is leading a ranking delegation including the

ministry's assistant under-secretary for trade affairs Rashid Al Majeed.

Meanwhile, Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) officials will hold a new round of talks later this month with the European Economic Community (EEC) to press for a free trade pact with their main trading partner, a senior GCC official said.

The Saudi Press Agency SPA quoted GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs Abdullah Al Qweiz as saying on Monday night that the meeting would be held on June 25 as proposed by the EEC.

He made no mention of the venue or at what level the negotiations would be conducted.

The decision to start the new round of negotiations came after a joint meeting between the GCC foreign and finance ministers on Sunday.

Al Qweiz said the joint meeting discussed how to reach a free trade pact with the 12-member EEC.

Brokers said the shares were being sold at their book value of 18 dinars (\$4.8) to draw small investors. They were 2.120 dinars (\$5.6) when the sale began on May 23.

## Bahrain sells hotel shares to public

BAHRAIN, June 5. (Reuters): The Bahrain government has sold most of its stake in a local hotel company, paving the way for more state share floatations, stock brokers said today.

The brokers said more than 85 per cent of shares worth 6.48 million dinars (\$1.72 million) in the Bahraini hotel company had been sold to investors from Bahrain and other Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries.

"Many new investors have come to the market, from all over the Gulf," one of the brokers said.

Under stock exchange rules, nations of GCC states Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates may hold up to 25 per cent of the shares in any Bahraini firm.

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A public offering of 25 million shares in Bahrain-based Arab Banking Corporation also began in May but the lead managers said most of \$350 million issue would be privately placed.

These shares are being sold to the public by local banks.

Mohammed Buzi, general manager of the Bahrain Hotels Company which owns and operates the island's Gulf hotel, said the sale would continue until the government had sold its entire 42 per cent stake.

Bahrain-based carrier Gulf Air holds 41 per cent of the shares and Bahraini investors the remaining 17 per cent.

The brokers said the offering was the first of about 10 planned government share floatations.

No other names have been announced but officials said last year the government would start selling stakes in hotel firms and light industries such as the Bahrain aluminium extrusion company, which makes window and door frames.

Bahrain hotels company made a profit of 1.5 million dinars (\$4 million) in 1989 and distributed a one million dinar (\$2.6 million) dividend to shareholders.

## Tokyo shares

Name of stock	Cl.	Ch.	Open	Close	Chg.	Vol.	Yield
Nikkel stock average		32921.62	(-3.75)	32917.62	-1.00	1610	-10
Volume: 600 mil shs							
Yes exchange rate		152.43					
Mitsubishi Corp	C	1700	-10	1690	-10	26	
Mitsubishi H1	C	1070	-10	1060	-10	10	
Mitsui B	C	1570	-10	1560	-10	30	
Mitsui Corp	C	3620	+10	3630	+10	40	
Mochida Pt.	C	3910	+10	3920	+10	50	
Mori Seiki Co.	C	2080	+50	2090	+50	10	
NEC Corp	C	1640	-10	1630	-10	10	
Nippon Corp	C	1180	-10	1170	-10	10	
Nippon Steel Corp.	C	2250	+10	2260	+10	30	
Nippon Soda Co.	C	1580	+20	1590	+20	30	
Nissens Sec.	C	2480	-20	2470	-20	30	
Otsuma Mach	C	1630	+10	1640	+10	20	
Osward K Co.	C	2050	+20	2060	+20	100	
Orix Corp	C	4480	+100	4500	+100	200	
Pioneer Elec Co.	C	6200	+200	6220	+200	200	
Rekko Elec Co.	C	2140	+10	2150	+10	30	
Shinko Elec Co.	C	175	-10	170	-10	31	
Seicom Co. Ltd.	C	6340	+240	6360	+240	100	
Shin-Etsu Chem	C	1650	-30	1660	-30	30	
Shindengen Elec	C	1320	-30	1330	-30	30	
Sony Corp	C	8650	+70	8700	+70	20	
Sumitomo Metal Ind.	C	610	-15	610	-15	15	
Teknica Chemical	C	1700	-10	1700	-10	30	
TDK Corp.	C	5700	+130	5720	+130	20	
Tokio Marine & Fire	C	1530	0	1530	0	0	
Tokio Elec Power	C	4600	-50	4600	-50	50	
Tokyo Electron Ltd	C	4620	-30	4620	-30	30	
Tokyu Ind Inc.	C	230	-2	230	-2	2	
Toppan Printing	C	1870	+40	1880	+40	40	
Toshiba Corp.	C	1080	+10	1080	+10	10	
Toyota Motor	C	2570	+10	2570	+10	10	
Mitsubishi	C	3650	+30	3650	+30	10	
Mazda M C	C	945	+30	945	+30	10	

## EVENTS

# Slimy charmer

By Fathima Ahmed

Arab Times Staff  
FROM Bobby to Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak, romance has been kept alive on celluloid. Maine Pyar Kiya was loved by young and old cinegoers. Other films like Love, Love bombed.

The tragedy of romance in Ek Duje Ke Liye, that classic movie with Rati Agnihotri and Kamal Hassan, is a bitter sweet memory. Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak had shades of this movie, perhaps one reason why it clicked.

**Bobby** — fresh, breezy and youthful — by the master craftsman Raj Kumar retains its allure over two decades later.

Tahir Hussain's *Tum Mere Ho* does not have that haunting quality. Set in the hills, its story is also as old as the hills — with minor variations, of course, exploiting the rich girl-poor boy conflict in the Romeo and Juliet style.

Missing is spontaneous, tender romance. It's mechanical like the age we live in — and made to order, romancing the snake. Yet, it works for a better part, thanks to the friendship between Shiva and his slithering companions. They creep up when least expected. They also act as go-betweens igniting the spark to a fully-fledged fire in the heart of the lovers. A Nagin is the avenger — the villain of the piece.

The scintillating beat of snake-charmers' music bind Paro-Shiva. It also sustains your interest. Paro and Shiva may not join the ranks of Heer-Ranjha or Laila-Majnu but one moment lingers: Paro's despair in one sequence.

Aamir Khan plays the little-boy-lost-in-the-woods act to the

bait with the aid of his boyish looks. Juhu Chawla as Paro fits the bill. Ajit Vachani as Paro's tyrant father makes an impression.

Avoid it if you can't stomach reptilian antics. Slimy "friendly snakes" can persuade you to climb a tree like Paro does in *Tum Mere Ho*.

**Shera Shamshera**

If one could, one must outlaw the likes of Shera and Shamshera. Dacoit tales are passe. Their heroic stale; and their stories insipid. Shera (Kabir Bedi) Shamshera (Raj Babbar) deserve to be buried in the Chambar Valley, where their name spells terror (the avenging Nagin of *Tum Mere Ho* looks diabolical) and their gut-spilling and cold-blooded murders forgotten for ever.

Some sequences in the film deserve inclusion in *That's Incredible* — like the sequence when a petite Farha hides the hefty Kabir Bedi under her blanket — standing! Perhaps, *Believe It Or Not* would be a better show. The patchwork theme is lifted from various sources, including the epic Mahabharata. It seems like someone watched several movies overnight and in the morning, the disjointed script was born. They filmed in a hurry with Bedi and Babbar running behind skeleter.

Wooden faced Kabir Bedi, Raj Babbar and Farha sleepwalk through the movie like zombies. In comparison, the giggly bloopers, of KTV's Weekend presenters seem entertaining.

The above movies are courtesy of Athari Video, Main St, Farwaniya; and Canary Video, Fisheries Bldg, Sharq.



Aamir Khan and Juhu Chawla: slimy charmers

## Rock band

# A hobby they'd never give up

By Manal Elsheikh

Arab Times staff

SEVENTH SKY have teamed up with High Spirits to make their performance an experience rock fans will never forget. Tonight's Summer Rock Concert '90 promises to be more fulfilling than the group's last concert "Like a Hurricane".

Unlike their previous shows, Seventh Sky will only sing rock. They will perform songs of Guns and Roses, Metallica, Joan Jett and Iron Maiden. Light music will be played by High Spirits, who will perform hits by Dire Straits, Pointer Sisters and others.

This show has been organised by Phil Thomas, the leader and drummer of High Spirits. The group's other members are June Woolston, a talented-trained vocalist and 17-year-old Akram Sultan on guitar. Murtaza Shamim of Seventh Sky will also join in the vocals.

The members of Seventh Sky are Murtaza Shamim, bass guitar and vocalist, Raza Shamim, on drums and vocals, Ammar Al Balbini, lead guitar and vocals, Qasiba Louis, the lead vocalist, and guest musicians Alex Heynes on bass and Akram Sultan on guitar.

Seventh Sky was formed some years ago, after Murtaza and Raza graduated from the Indian School.

Murtaza, saw Ammar Al Balbini in Jukebox 4. He liked what he saw and together, with Ammar, his brother, Raza and two other singers, Adeep Dherali and Linley Lewis, and Aslam Al Balbini on keyboards, a band was formed.

The band enjoys singing heavy metal the most, especially Iron Maiden and Metallica. In fact, the former is their main influence.

Groups of the 80's, like Saxon Dio, Whitesnake, and Def Leppard are their favourites. "Old rock can be considered classic, meaning that the songs cannot be forgotten but the newer groups are more interesting," Murtaza said.

They also enjoy lighter music. Murtaza likes Nena's "Manchild" and many of Lisa Lansfield's songs.

Seventh Sky held their first concert in Al Andalus Cinema on February 19, 1988. The one night show was a great success. It was a full house and after the initial stage fight the band performed beautifully. "Rock the Night", followed in November 1988.

The qualifying nominees will be chosen in the following categories for excellent performance in:

1. Sports, 2. Medical and Allied Services, 3. Restaurant and Hotel Services, 4. Business and Investment, 5. Community Service, 6. Professional achievement, 7. Promotion of Filipino Culture, 8. Service workers (holding visa No. 18 or 20 are qualified.)

A special award will also be presented to business establishments in Kuwait who have supported the activities of the Filipino community.

Details of the search for outstanding Filipinos in Kuwait available from Taha Guionio, administrative officer, Philippine embassy or legal officer Atty. Loi Cortel Tel: 5329315-17. Deadline for entries is Saturday, June 9, 1990.

## Pistang Pinoy '90

Meanwhile, final preparations for "Pistang Pinoy '90" is in full swing for the forthcoming celebration of Philippine National Day in Kuwait. Filipinos and their guests are invited by the Ambassador Mayuyang Mohammad Tamano and Mrs Tamano and the Philippine embassy staff and members of the various Filipino clubs and organisations. The whole-day affair will start at 7 am at the Messilah Beach Resort on Friday, June 8, 1990. Fun, games and entertainment is in store for the whole family in addition to *Yugyan sa Messilah* in the evening.



### Italian delight

Tonight's the last day of an Italian Food Festival which opened at Al Salam Hotel on May 31. The El Bendar Coffee Shop's executive chef Jose Dias has prepared an Italian menu.

To coincide with the World Cup, the hotel is offering a raffle. The winner will get a return ticket to Rome. The second prize winner will get a two-nights-for-two stay at Al Salam Hotel. The third prize winner will get dinner for two at Al Gandoul Grill Garden.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

- 9.30 Holy Quran
- 9.40 News Summary
- 9.45 Cartoon Serial
- 10.10 Good Morning
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repeat)
- 10.30 Al Sida Fi Al Hawa: Arabic serial
- 11.15 Songs and Music
- 11.30 Suvinan: Bedouin serial; last episode. Starring: Adel Afaman, Wasfa Mosili, Abdul Rahman Al Rashi
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 Holy Quran/Close-down

### Evening

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.15 World News via Satellite
- 4.30 Sallycartoon serial
- 5.00 Cartoons
- 6.00 Sane'a Al Sayof: Arabic serial; ep.3
- 7.00 Songs
- 7.15 Folklore

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Mickey & Donald
- 6.30 Hotshotz: mystery-adventure series featuring a miniature car racing team, an enterprising children's gang — Kristy, Micro, Steve and Michelle — a kidnapped professor and a counterfeiting ring.

7.00 Beyond 2000: this documentary examines the latest in science and technology. Tonight, features on genetic science, nuclear accidents and the space race.

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Science Edition: focus on scientific advances and their application to improve daily life.

9.00 Booker: "The Hacker": Toshima employees are sacked, except Booker who is told he has Swiss bank account. Starring: Richard Grieco.

10.00 Cine Club: presented by Farouq Abdul Aziz (The film has not been announced).

12.00 News in Brief

12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that Kuwait Television programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCES ORGANIZES TWO SEMINARS



### KFAS seminar

Two seminars were held recently at the SAS Kuwait Hotel by the Kuwait Fund for the Advancement of Science. Above: (centre) Dr Ali Al Shamlan, Minister of Higher Education, presenting an award to one of the participants.



### Saligaoars' social

Saligaoars' reunion, recently held at Al Salam Hotel, brought back a whiff of homely atmosphere for the participants. The function was a happy event, marked by music and dancing. Above: some of the Saligaoars.

### Marco Polo

Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

### At the Mezziah Beach

Al Mubarakiyah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays Fantasy on Fridays.

### At the Plaza

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Lolowah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

### CINEMA TODAY

- AI Andalus
- Dost (Hindi)
- Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Amala Akbar
- AI Fahsheel
- Bustaan Al Damm (Arabic)
- AI Jalra
- Drive-In
- AI Raqassah Wal Siyaseen (Arabic)
- AI Rifiq
- Haya (Hindi)
- Intcha'a Ayyuhal Zawaaj (Arabic)

- Versailles: Business lunch and dinner featuring fondue; grilled food.
- AI Ramada Al Salam
- AI Bendar Coffee Shop: Arabic and Continental buffets, lunch and dinner; also a la carte; open 6 am to midnight.
- AI Mawardi Open-Air Cafe: open from 6 pm to midnight.
- AI Gandoul Grill Garden: open after 6 pm; grilled food.
- Friday brunch: 12 noon to 3 pm; ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon-strip characters.
- Italian food promotion, until June 6, at AI Bendar Coffee Shop.

### MUSIC

#### Summer Rock Concert

June 16: High Spirits and Seventh Sky rock concert; music from Police, Dire Straits, Bon Jovi, Guns 'n' Roses etc. For reservations call 5387998/2563395 after 5 pm.

Murchana

June 15: Murchana, a musical evening, featuring Bengali, Hindi and semi-classical songs at Meriden Hotel. For reservations call 5640389 after 5.30 pm; or 4893424.

Saligaoars

Daniela bowling

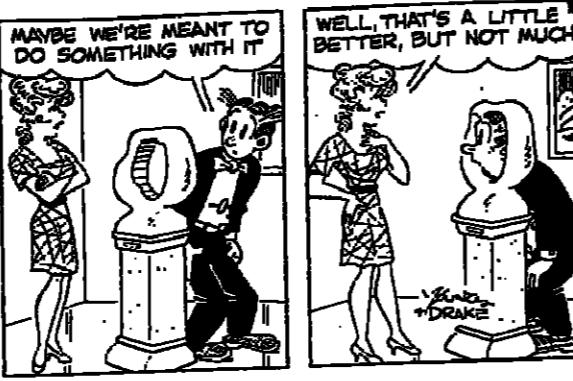
June 7: Daniela ends social season by inviting all Danes for a relaxed bowling evening, 7 pm. For details of venue contact Helmuth — Tel: 3715619; or Winne — 5733382.

### PRAYERS

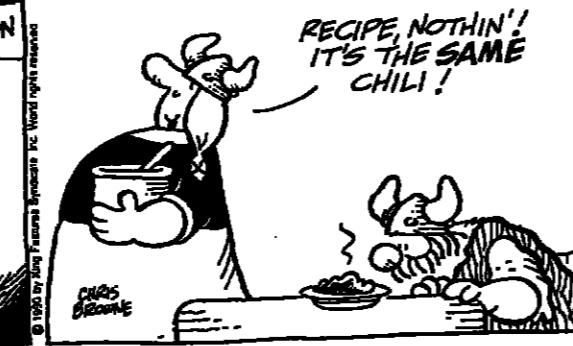
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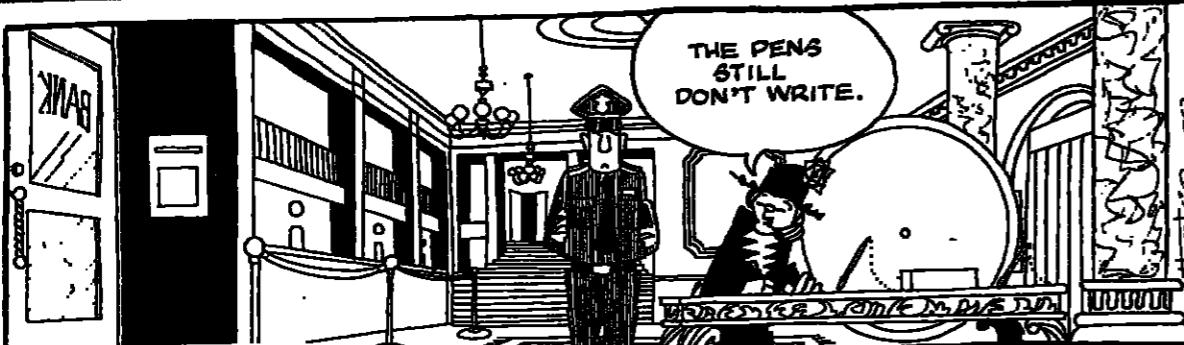
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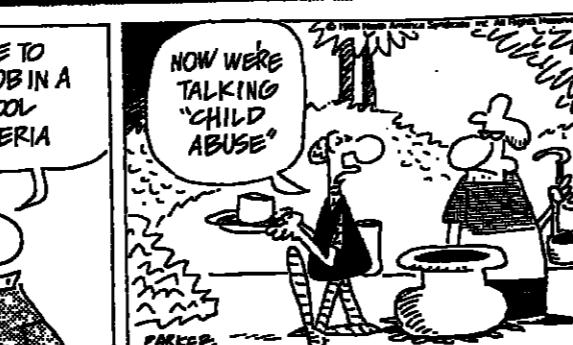
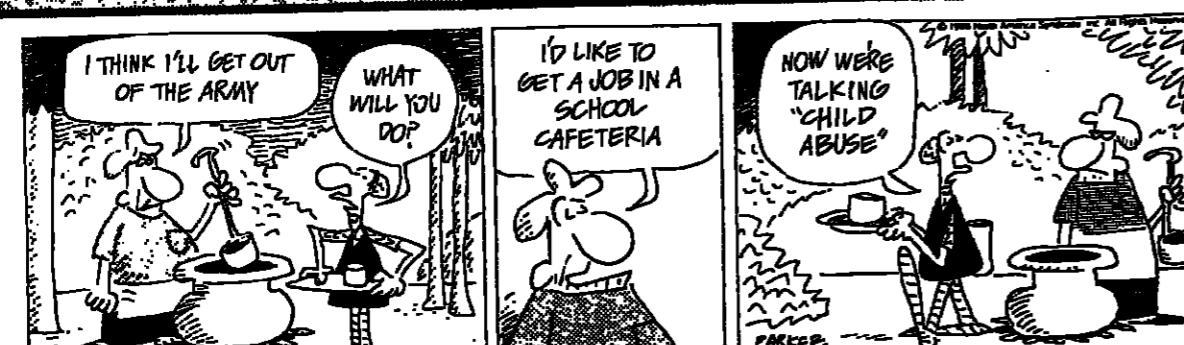
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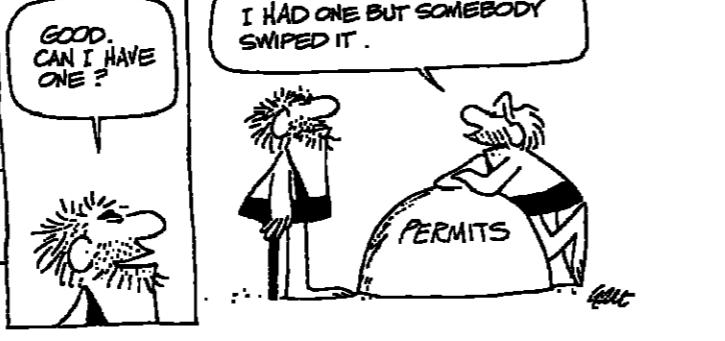
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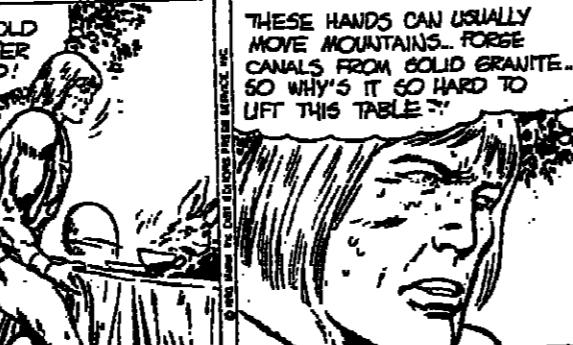
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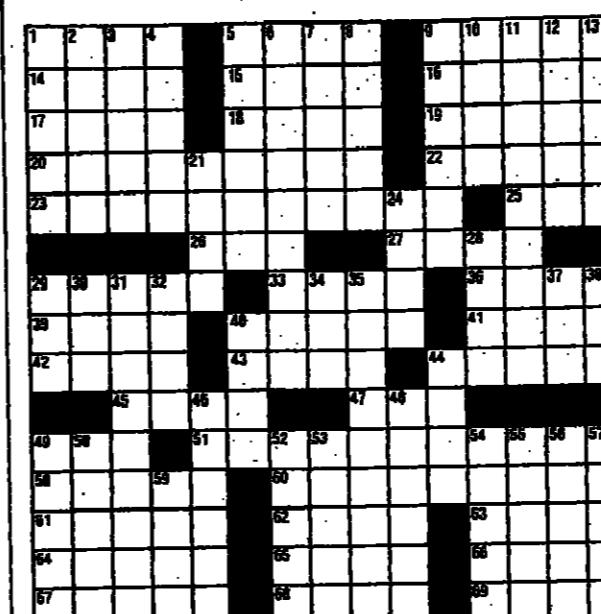
By Johnny Hart



## THE MAN — BY G. FORTON &amp; J. SHULL



## PUZZLES CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1 Buckles
- 5 Bed, in
- 9 Barcelona
- 14 Deep black
- 15 The good brother
- 16 Tours' river
- 17 Author Jaffa
- 18 Notorious French Marquis de —
- 19 Honky-tonks
- 20 Glutton
- 22 Choose
- 23 Champion
- 25 Manner
- 26 School of whales
- 27 — spumanti
- 29 Hunter's weapon
- 33 Hitherto
- 36 Bauxite and galena
- 39 Operatic highlight
- 40 Ones
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- 42 Viking's destination
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- 44 Brazen
- 45 Loafer
- 47 Cheer
- 49 Clever
- 51 Pacemaker
- 58 Fine line of a letter
- 60 Card game for one
- 61 Copy
- 62 Rainbow
- 63 Heavy weights
- 64 Gleats

**DOWN**

- 2 From the beginning: Lat.
- 3 Lost one
- 4 Entangle
- 5 Winter melon
- 6 Teases
- 8 Minus
- 10 Goat antelope
- 11 Sheep
- 12 Impatient
- 13 Verge
- 14 Virtuous
- 15 Garb for Cato
- 16 West Coast
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**65** — kleine Nachtmusik

**66** Encourage

**67** Oboe and clarinet

**68** Teases

**69** Minus

**70** location, for short

**71** Shocking

**72** Railroads of a sort, for short

**73** Shoat's home

**74** Consumer

**75** Close

**76** Overtures

**77** Begins

**78** Michaelmas daisy

**79** Intrinsically

**80** Willow

**81** Waterwheel

**82** Inborn

**83** Weeping mother of myth

**84** Seabirds

**85** Takes ten

**86** Like some tea

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

MIAST	PLAZA	SARI
DAHU	OASES	CLAIN
WREN	SHEEPSHANK	
NEEDLER	EMENDS	
PROD	HAREM	
ASSAY	DOT WESTS	
ROK	ADESTE SHIN	
EPI	LIENTILS ENA	
CONN	AVEVERSE EGG	
ARSON	ESE GAFES	
SCALAR	BEARS PACS	
SHEEPSYEYES	PERCRER	
TARS	EERO	
EVENT	DANA	
SPOTS	SENDOS EDEN	

**DOUBLE ALERT**  
Neither vulnerable. South deals.

## NORTH

- ♦ 9
- ♥ A K 9 6
- ♦ A K 9 3 2
- ♦ K 3 2
- ♦ K J 10 6
- ♦ 2
- ♥ J 8 7 2
- ♦ Q 10 4
- ♦ 10
- ♦ J 7 6 5
- ♦ A 9 8 6 4
- ♦ 5
- ♦ Q 8 4
- ♦ Q

**WEST**

- ♦ K J 10 6
- ♦ 2
- ♥ J 8 7 2
- ♦ Q 10 4
- ♦ 10
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- ♦ 5
- ♦ Q 8 4
- ♦ Q

**EAST**

- ♦ 9
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- ♦ K 3 2
- ♦ K J 10 6
- ♦ 2
- ♥ J 8 7 2
- ♦ Q 10 4
- ♦ 10
- ♦ J 7 6 5
- ♦ A 9 8 6 4
- ♦ 5
- ♦ Q 8 4
- ♦ Q

**SOUTH**

- ♦ 9
- ♥ A Q 8 7 5 4 3
- ♦ 5
- ♦ Q 8 4
- ♦ Q

The bidding:

South    West    North    East

3 ♠ Pass    4 ♠ Pass

Pass    Dbl    Pass

Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

The regular members of the bridge club knew better than to double Trump Coup Tommy when they held a trump stack—Tommy had a way of making seemingly sure trumps vanish.

But on hands where everything lay well, Tommy could be relied on to drop a trick or two, so that speculative doubles on high cards when Tommy was at the helm invariably yielded good results.

Once in a while, though, one of Tommy's cronies could not resist testing to see if Tommy's peculiar talent was still in force. That was the case here, where West's double was, by any standards, speculative.

East won the first trick with the ace of clubs, and a trump shift would have left the defenders with the upper hand. But East decided to continue with a club and Tommy was in control. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace and king of hearts and ruffed a heart. After crossing to dummy with a high diamond, declarer discarded a diamond on the king of clubs and guessed correctly by electing to ruff the remaining heart in hand.

Declarer, who had lost only one trick so far, was left with A Q 8 7 of trumps and the queen of diamonds, while West still held all four trumps and a club. When Tommy led the queen of diamonds West could do no better than ruff and return a club. Declarer ruffed and cashed with the eight of trumps. That forced West to win with the ten of trumps, completing the defensive book. But then West had to lead away from his king of trumps into Tommy's ace-queen tenace, and the contract rolled home.

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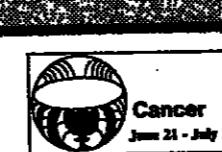
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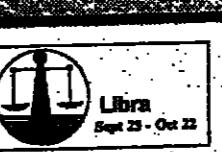
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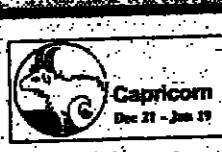
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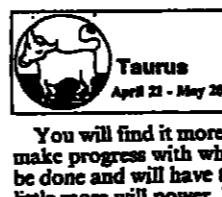


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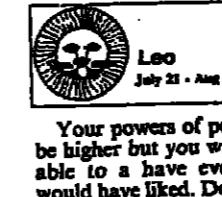


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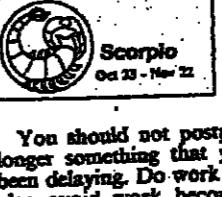
You will tend to be rather nervous and anxious and should do all you can to calm yourself. Do not worry about what might happen, it might just as readily not happen. Listen to what others are saying and take their opinions into account. Be moderate.



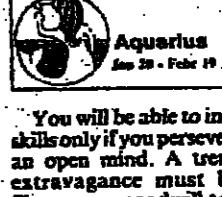
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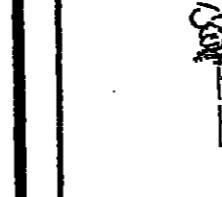
Aquarius  
Jan 20 - Feb 18

You should not postpone any longer something that you have been delaying. Do work hard but also avoid work becoming the major concern of your life. You will be able to have the last laugh.

Your powers of persuasion will be higher but you will still not be able to have everything you would have liked. Do think a little more about your health and adopt a sensible regime. Avoid too much pessimism or optimism. Be reasonable.

You will be better able to do what you had in mind but only if you persevere and do not dither. Do not allow some small setback to destroy your self-confidence. Avoid spending more than you can readily afford. Be tactful.

You should try to do what has to be done first of all. Later your energies are liable to flag. Try not to allow yourself to get bogged down in details. Consider the positive elements and eschew the negative ones. Be loyal.



Gemini  
May 22 - June 21



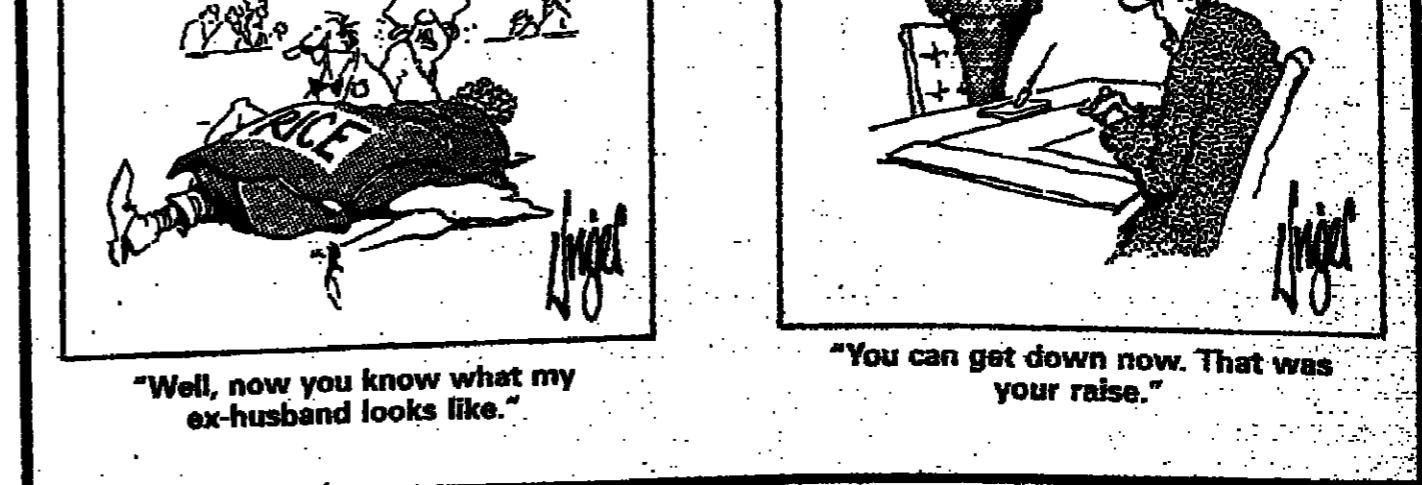
Virgo  
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Sagittarius  
Nov 23 - Dec 22



Pisces  
Feb 19 - March 20



"Well, now you know what my ex-husband looks like."

"You can get down now. That was your raise."

# 'Cosmic and weird'

## Burnout 'switched off'

By Ivor Davis

If you wait long enough, sooner or later everyone in the acting business succumbs and goes Hollywood. But who would have thought that one of the most down-to-earth actors, that good of Aussie cattle farmer and father of six Mel Gibson, would be talking about New Age remedies?

Yet Gibson says he puts himself in the hands of a "therapist" every few months to have his body "switched off."

He still has enough grace to laugh about it. "I know it sounds a bit cosmic and weird," he explains, grinning. "And I wouldn't have given it much credence a few years ago. But all I can tell you is it works. It's impossible to describe. It's connected to points and energies and things and it helps me handle stress."

In "Bird on a Wire," his new action/comedy film with Goldie Hawn which opened May 18, Gibson does his all-too-familiar signature mixture of blast-'em-off-the-screen wild man and tongue-in-cheek, devil-may-care joker. But characters aside, the real Gibson says his back-to-back movie schedule, while gratifying and enormously lucrative, can bring even the strongest of screen stars to his knees. And that's where the "therapy" comes in.

Gibson is currently in London shooting his next film — he is playing the prince of Denmark in director Franco Zeffirelli's new movie version of "Hamlet" — with a cast that includes Glenn Close, Alan Bates, Paul Scofield, Ian Holm and Helena Bonham Carter. He is nursing a terrible cold, sipping cappuccino, chewing gum and trying to forget that he gave up a pack-a-day cigarette habit just a few weeks ago. No wonder he needs a little help on the side.

"The guy I see," says Gibson, "can find out what's really up with you. When you go to see him he makes sure someone else is driving you home because you end up totally drained. You wander around in a fog for about three days and after that you feel like a dancing bear. Your body starts revitalising itself."

All that regeneration is needed, explains Gibson, because he has a tendency to burn out. A few years ago he stopped working for about a year because of complete exhaustion. He went off to his cattle ranch in Australia to recuperate.

"It proved to be kind of tragic," he says. "But now I'm more well-balanced. I've learned you have to budget for the long haul. It's like economics. Once you've been bankrupt a couple of times you figure out the value of a preplanned budget, how to take a day off when you need it, how to walk away."

The stress took a toll in other ways too. Gibson used to be a big drinker. All that ended, he says, when he was stopped for drunk driving after running a light in Canada. "I should have been arrested," he says.

His smoking habit is also gone. Gibson's response to the pleading of one of his children and the demands of his shooting schedule for "Hamlet," "You need a lot of lung power for that one," he confesses.

Now he chews gum incessantly, admitting he's more nervous than usual due to the withdrawal from nicotine, and drinks gallons of coffee and mineral water.

Judging by the amount of work he has been doing lately, it would be excusable for the 34-year-old Gibson found it difficult to get up in the morning. The grueling "Hamlet" chores — which the many-million-dollar-per-picture actor is doing virtually free — come on the heels of three other films done back-to-back: "Lethal Weapon II," which made a killing at the box office, "Bird on a Wire" and "Air America," a black comedy about the CIA's not-so-secret secret airline which operated in Southeast Asia in the '60s and '70s.

But when you're hot you're hot and Gibson, voted "The Sexiest Man Alive (1985)" by People magazine, is up there in a class of men whose names alone guarantee lines at the ticket windows — men such as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Tom Cruise. Besides, he can use the money: Gibson has to support six children — including a

pair of twins — ranging in age from 8 months to 9 years, innumerable homes, from Malibu to Montana, plus a spacious Down Under cattle ranch.

It all makes for a very stressful existence, especially the way Gibson does it. When going on location to shoot a movie most actors pack a suitcase and get on a plane. Not Gibson. He closes up which ever one of his homes he's occupying and moves his entire family — wife Robyn and all the kids (five boys and a girl) — in a minivan to what ever part of the world he's filming in. Gibson does it everytime, knowing full well it means setting up a new household and getting the kids settled into a new school.

"You try to make everybody happy," he explains. "Initially, the stress wears on the kids, but they love it — all those situations where they're the newcomers. The more they do it, the more at ease they'll be with it. If you take a tutor along it's too isolated. You've got to them get out and mingle with the other little animals."

Gibson says it's not easy travelling with such an entourage, but it's the only way he can get any work done. "I couldn't concentrate if they weren't there," he says. "I get more done if they're around. I know where everything is and I can relax."

Right now the Gibson entourage is ensconced in a 150-year-old manor house in a village near London; skaterboards, soccer balls and bicycles are strewn about. The minivan waits in the driveway to transport the tribe to the village

school or the local tennis courts, while Dad goes off to play the melancholy Dane.

When he comes home this old hand at the kid business says he has no problems finding time for himself amid the chaos. "You have to extract yourself from the family, shut the door

and tell them all to go away. They're wild animals, you know."

And speaking of wild animals, in "Bird on a Wire," Gibson portrays Rick Jarmain, a man who is on the run because a federal witness-protection programme went awry. He ends up playing hide-and-seek in a zoo with several machine gun-wielding bad guys including David Carradine and Bill Duke.

"The feeling of the thing is a bit like 'North by Northwest,'" says Gibson, "I see it as a kind of tribute to Cary Grant with a bit of Buster Keaton thrown in."

Along the way Jarmain also takes a dip in a rock pool inhabited by a jaw-snapping alligator.

"I was so close I could smell his breath," says Gibson. "He had on a restraining wire, but at one point he slipped out of it." Jarmain also dodges a pair of tigers and hides out in a cage filled with lions. He survives it all with enough energy to do a nude love scene with Hawn, who plays his former flame Marianne Graves.

"The toughest thing in action/comedy," he says, "is getting the tone right, not turning people off. For instance, when two people are naked together in a motel room, you don't want to see too much. You've got to back off. Once you get too gritty you lose the mood you hoped to create."

Filmmakers have long tried to take advantage of Gibson's body, which is in pretty fair shape considering he's sooner have another tete-a-tete with an alligator than visit a gym. But he holds them.



Mel Gibson: therapy works

## Recipient of Templeton Award 'Condemned to succeed'

LONDON (Panos): Baba Amte, who devoted his life to working with leprosy patients, the blind, deaf and other disabled people in Anandwan, was given the Templeton Award in London recently.

The award, for progress in religion, was accepted by his son, Dr Vikas Amte, because Baba was unable to travel to London.

The Baba has left Anandwan to support the people of the Narmada Valley whose homes are threatened by the Narmada Dam Project. He has moved into a hut on the banks of the Narmada on the site of a bridge which, when built, will link Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. His friends have real fears for his safety: they say that, to move him, he will have to be killed.

In shifting his home to Kasarawad, one of the villages to be submerged by the Narmada Project, Baba Amte said: "My presence here will give strength to the movement against the dam. The sound of my silence will help the people to hear the cry of the Narmada. I am condemned to succeed."

The project involves the construction of a dam with a capacity of 3,800 million cubic metres (7.5 billion cubic yards), enveloping about 214 kilometres (130 miles) of the Narmada Valley, as well as the construction of a 460 kilometre (285 mile) main canal reaching up to the Gujarat-Rajasthan border.

Baba Amte has been trying to counter what he attacks as the "fakery of the government." The government is said to be running a disinformation campaign and is seeking to suppress vital information by enforcing the Official Secrets Act.

Recently, the government of Gujarat declared the town of Kevadia and 12 surrounding villages as "prohibited areas" and banned visits, as well as discussions, meetings, rallies or protests without prior permission from the authorities.

In a recent newspaper article, the Baba wrote: "The Sardar Sarovar Project (Narmada Project) has been hailed as the lifeline of Gujarat, as the permanent solution to the water problem of Saurashtra and Kutch, as the panacea for Gujarat's drought-prone, arid and tribal areas.

"Careful examination of the government's own data shows that 56 out of the 69 talukas (sub-divisions of the district) of water-starved Saurashtra are to get no water from the project. Forty-two out of Gujarat's 47 tribal talukas and pockets are also not to receive a drop of water from the Narmada Project."

He also expressed concern about the destruction of some 130,482 hectares (322,000 acres), of which about half is "mostly prime quality cultivable land," and the remainder forest land.



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This quiz will help you find out:

1. Would you take up serious regular jogging:

- (a) if you weren't already doing it
- (b) if someone or something gave you a little push. You've always meant to
- (c) if you left it would improve your already highly-paid performance
- (d) only if Reebok offered you a £3,000.00 deal for wearing their trainers
- (e) no way?

2. If newspapers were constantly printing gossip (not always true) about you, would you:

- (a) be furious
- (b) be embarrassed
- (c) be depressed
- (d) be indifferent, detached. It would be nothing to do with the real you
- (e) rejoice. The only bad publicity for a would-be celebrity is probably not publicity?

3. If your publicist advised you to be so shocking in a television interview that the bleep kept having to be used, would you refuse? You couldn't do it for the thought of your partner or aunt or grandmother watching

- (b) refuse and sack the publicist. You don't need anyone to tell you who you are and how you behave
- (c) check what time it would go out
- (d) do it, reluctantly. If you are paying for professional advice you might as well take it
- (e) do it, with relish. It would be great fun?

4. How disciplined are you about managing your time:

- (a) extremely. You always divide it up in advance and stick as closely as you can to the timetable you have given yourself fairly.
- (b) When you are busy enough for it to be important you can be quite disciplined not very. You tend to stagger from crisis to crisis with little planning ahead, reacting rather than controlling
- (c) time manages you. You are usually late getting up, almost always running behind?
- (d) If you could not go to the supermarket or walk down the street without being recognized and asked for your autograph would it be:

5. If you could not go to the supermarket or walk down the street without being recognized and asked for your autograph would it be:

- (a) claustrophobic
- (b) a drag when the novelty wore off for you but the fans did not go away
- (c) a bit of a nuisance when you weren't in the mood
- (d) a big buzz

(e) who needs supermarkets or suburban high streets when you can go door-to-door limo and have their shopping done for them?

6. If you had a career as a pop singer, would you regard administration as:

- (a) irrelevant or too boring to bother about
- (b) necessary, but something you would pay someone else to do
- (c) necessary. And if you didn't want to be a rip-off victim or premature has-been you would have at least to supervise it yourself?

7. If you felt someone working for you should be sacked would you:

- (a) do it without turning a hair
- (b) do it but only after sleepless nights
- (c) try to make them want to leave
- (d) get someone else to do it
- (e) leave them where they are and hope they decide to leave?

8. If your image was essentially blonde but your hairdresser told you that much more bleaching and you'd be choosing between baldness and a wig, would you:

- (a) stop immediately
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- (c) go dark and wear a wig on stage
- (d) ignore the warning and live for today — and your next million in the bank?

9. Are you a perfectionist:

- (a) all the time
- (b) in things you think are important
- (c) only over what you regard as exceptionally important
- (d) never?

10. When you were a child, were you:

- (a) a little goody two-shoes
- (b) naughty when the gang was
- (c) a ring-leader in trouble
- (d) a rebel loner always in trouble on your own?

11. If you made a film and had terrible reviews for your performance, would you:

- (a) want to go around with your head in a paper bag for a week but then forget it
- (b) vow never to make another — and mean it
- (c) despise the critics and ignore

### HOW TO SCORE

	a	b	c	d	e
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9.	15	10	5	0	—
10.	0	5	10	15	—
11.	5	0	10	15	—
12.	10	10	5	0	—
13.	15	10	5	0	—
14.	0	10	15	5	0
15.	20	15	10	5	0

### What your score means

0-85: Madonna needsn't lose any sleepless nights worrying about the competition from you, need she? You don't need me to tell you your lack the single-mindedness, the drive, the ambition, and the staying power to battle your way up to the top and stay there, with millions of dollars a year pouring into your bank account, year in, year out.

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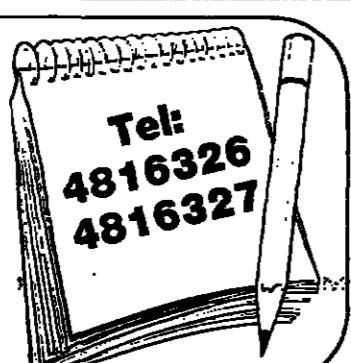
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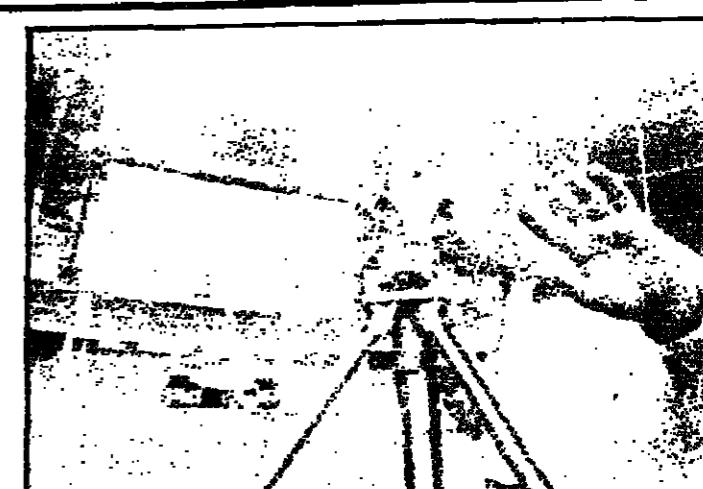
Spanish national team reserve goalkeeper Juan Carlos (right) practises for the World Cup competition. (Reuter wirephoto)



A local street vendor attempts to sell stuffed World Cup mascot dolls to motorists in Rome. (Reuter wirephoto)



Supporters of the Brazilian World Cup squad cheer their team during a training session on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A surveyor waves at his assistant while checking the level of the soccer field at the Turin Cup Stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Hooligan fear cuts stadium capacity

**ROME,** June 5. (Reuter): World Cup organisers have cut capacity at the stadium where England will play their first round matches in Italy because of fear of violence from soccer hooligans.

Lucio di Montezemolo, head of the local organising committee Italia '90, told reporters yesterday the move would allow police to leave a 'security cordon' between English fans and rival supporters in Cagliari's Sant'Elia Stadium.

An International Football Federation (Fifa) spokesman said Montezemolo had informed Fifa that 2,000 tickets—about five per cent of the stadium capacity—had been kept back from sale for each of England's three Group F matches.

"We in general welcome every measure designed to increase security and if the local organising committee feels this measure is important we support it," the Fifa spokesman said.

England and the Netherlands, the countries with the world's most violent supporters, play each other in the Sardinian capital on June 16. England, the Group F seeds, play Ireland on June 11 and Egypt on June 21.

### Flashpoint

Cagliari is regarded as the main flashpoint of hooliganism during the month-long World Cup and thousands of police have been sent to the city in a huge security operation.

Three English fans, the first to be arrested in Sardinia, were jailed for 20 days and fined yesterday after a court found them guilty of criminal damage and theft. The court heard that none of three had tickets for England matches.

"Quite a lot of people are coming without tickets," an official British spokesman on the island said.

The spokesman said the English Football Association had sold its official allocation of 3,000 tickets. Between 8,000 and 13,000 English fans are expected to travel to Sardinia.

Montezemolo said 92 per cent of tickets for the 52 World Cup matches in Italy had been sold, five days before the opening match in Milan on June 8.

No more tickets were available for Rome and Group F venues Cagliari and Palermo while 95 per cent of tickets had been sold for Milan and Turin, he said.

## Maradona practises with 'bionic toe'

### Heysel tragedy still haunts Turin

**ROME,** June 5. (Agencies): Argentine captain Diego Maradona has resumed practising with a "bionic toe" on his ailing right foot and is expected to start Friday when the defending champions open World Cup play against Cameroon.

A special carbon protector allowed Maradona, considered the world's most lethal striker, to practice yesterday despite the pain from infected ingrown toenails in both feet.

"With this device I don't feel any pain, just a little bother," the Argentine squad played 30 min-

utes against a junior team from home that is touring Italy and helping the national players prepare for the tournament.

Coach Carlos Bilardo had said he could not sleep because of Maradona's condition. Yesterday, Bilardo expressed relief after watching his star player work out.

Maradona said he would play against Cameroon no matter how bad his feet hurt.

In yesterday's practice, the Argentine squad played 30 min-

utes against a junior team from home that is touring Italy and helping the national players prepare for the tournament.

Maradona made several of his distinctive plays, drawing applause from a crowd of about 50 people who managed to sneak in and watch.

Two other Argentine players—fullback Oscar Ruggeri and midfielder Jorge Burruaga—did not work out yesterday for the second straight day. Ruggeri has a groin strain and Burruaga a bruised right leg.

Bilardo said he held them out as a precaution and expected both to play Friday.

Just three days before the start of the World Cup, party spirit is conspicuously absent in the northern Italian industrial city of Turin where memories of a football tragedy are still fresh.

Five years ago thousands of Turin supporters travelled in festive mood to Brussels to watch Juventus play in another soccer spectacle—the European Cup final.

Thirty-nine never returned. They were crushed to death at the Heysel Stadium when a wall collapsed under pressure from a stampede by Liverpool supporters. The disaster led to a ban, still in force, on English clubs from European club competitions.

Turin, which hosts Group C including Brazil and Scotland, asked the Cup organisers to ensure that England were not based here, though the English and their notorious fans could still turn up in the later stages.

How does the British consul feel about such a prospect?

"I think we have to take one step at a time," Howard Price said. "The Heysel disaster is not something that is easily forgotten but at the moment the main thing that strikes me is how much effort the Turin people have put in to

make the Cup a success here."

Giuseppe Giraudi, on the board of the local organising committee, was confident local people would support the event by filling the magnificent new 70,000-seater stadium on the city outskirts.

"I think there is lots of enthusiasm here and any resentment towards the English over Heysel is disappearing," he said as scores of workmen milled around the media centre in a last-minute rush to complete the installations.

■ Belgian coach Guy Thys hopes tomorrow's final World Cup warm-up soccer match against Poland will resolve a nagging dilemma in the defence.

Thys has virtually decided his team for their opening World Cup Group E encounter against South Korea on June 12 but he has yet to decide between two pairs of central defenders.

Both combinations—Stéphane Demol with George Grun and Leo Clijsters with Philippe Albert—played in the 3-0 win over Mexico on Saturday but neither duo were tested against an unconvincing attack.

Thys will again play both combinations against Poland after being forced to choose between Libero Demol and Clijsters rather than play them together.

At 33, the World Cup is Clijsters' last chance to add to his 35 caps. He plans to retire from international soccer after the championships.

With the attack already well honed, the only other question is how much use Thys will make of veteran striker Jan Ceulemans, who four years ago captained the Belgian in their most successful World Cup campaign ever.

Thys kept Ceulemans on the bench for the first half of Belgium's 2-2 draw against Romania 10 days ago and he missed the Mexico match due to a back

injury and, some commentators speculated, to a measure of hurt pride as well.

"Strong Jan" appeared to put his injury behind him in training yesterday but Thys seems unlikely to play him from the kick-off, preferring to keep the line-up that started against Mexico and hold Ceulemans in reserve.

■ Police in Rome detained the self-styled leader of English soccer hooligans today, four days before the start of the World Cup finals.

Paul Scarrott, 34, was picked up by police at Rome's main railway station and taken to headquarters for questioning, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said police were examining a number of possible charges. He would not elaborate but said Scarrott was listed as an "undesirable alien"—meaning he could be expelled.

### False

Italian television said Scarrott could be charged with holding a false passport.

Scarrott has a string of convictions for soccer-related violence and figures prominently on a 'blacklist' of English hooligans. Britain has given Italian police a bid to keep World Cup violence from its notorious fans to a minimum.

British newspapers quoted him yesterday as saying he had slipped through the security net and got to Rome two weeks ago.

He said 500 fellow-English hooligans planned to meet in the Italian capital and fight Dutch fans at the Rome railway station before England and the Netherlands play their Group F match in the Sardinian island capital Cagliari on June 16.

The match is regarded as the most likely flashpoint for hooligan violence and a massive security operation has been mounted on the island.



Diego Maradona sticks his tongue out as he is about to kick the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Charlton slams Cup guidelines

**VALETTA,** June 5. (Reuter): Ireland manager Jack Charlton yesterday attacked tough new World Cup guidelines for referees which he said could well encourage cheating rather than end foul play.

"They are encouraging gamesmanship in this competition to a degree I don't like. Referees will be on a hair-trigger," he told reporters at his team's World Cup training camp in Malta.

International Football Federation (Fifa) president Joao Havelange said last week that any referee who failed to send off players for violent offences would be sent home himself.

Charlton, whose team qualified for their first finals thanks to a highly physical style—with 10 bookings and two suspensions on the way, said he was worried Ireland would suffer from opponents faking injuries.

"I'm sure that from the first kick-off there will be people rolling over and over as if they had been decapitated."

"Within two minutes they'll be up and running around with a smile on their face because they've probably got a free kick or the player booked," the blunt Englishman said.

"The first referee... who gives a yellow card to a player who pretends to have been fouled around the edge of the box will do more for the game than any other decision," he said.

Charlton said a referee would be constantly thinking about the warning hanging over him and about how a legal tackle might look to the Fifa adjudicator watching from the stands.

"If a referee thinks 'I must punish it otherwise I might be sent home from the competition'—what a nonsense."

He said Fifa's warning undermined the authority of referees appointed because of their expertise and experience.

"Now at the World Cup they're being told what to do. I cannot see the sense of that... if they're the best in the world they should referee the game as they see it, as they have always done. That's why they were chosen. It's common sense."

"There are too many directives being issued from people who don't play the game," said Charlton, who played with his brother Bobby in the World Cup-winning England team of 1966.

"If they had said to the players, who are going to roll over and over as if they had been killed when someone stands close to them, that they will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute, we would agree with that completely."

## Dutch fire World Cup warning

**PALERMO,** June 5. (Reuter): Dutch captain Ruud Gullit proved he was well on the way to regaining full fitness for the World Cup finals with a dynamic display in the Netherlands' 2-0 win over fellow finalists Yugoslavia on Sunday.

Coach Leo Beenhakker will have been delighted to see Gullit surge past three defenders to set up the first goal for Frank Rijkaard as the Dutch returned to form in the match in Zagreb.

But as important was the ground Gullit covered between penalty areas to link defence with attack in his first full international since knee trouble flared over a year ago.

Beenhakker was in confident mood after the win, the Netherlands' first in five games since they qualified for the finals last November.

"Our defence was reasonably good and we outplayed the Yugoslavs in midfield," he said.

"This was closer to how we should play in Italy and I think we shall be among the

favourites there."

The decision to move Rijkaard forward into the midfield position he fills so spectacularly at AC Milan clearly paid off.

Rijkaard's goal was only his third in 42 internationals. He also figured in the second with a through pass to Milan team mate Marco van Basten who evaded goalkeeper Tomislav Ivkovic to slot in his second goal in successive matches.

The defence, though never totally convincing, looked much more reliable than last Wednesday's game with Austria when it was breached three times.

The tall, thin Graeme Sutcliffe, who recently agreed to join Anderlecht from Mechelen, proved a solid replacement for Rijkaard and on the two occasions when the backline was caught flat-footed, goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen rescued the situation with splendid saves.

The Dutch plan to stay in their castle retreat 20 km from Zagreb travelling south to the

heat of Palermo next Thursday.

The exciting Dutch team is paired with England, Ireland and Egypt in the opening round of the 24-nation tournament, which begins June 8. Group F matches will be played in Cagliari and Palermo on June 16.

The Dutch finished as runners-up in the World Cup in both 1974 and 1978 but have yet to win soccer's ultimate prize.

England triumphed in 1966 and has reached the quarterfinals on four other occasions, but manager Bobby Robson's team has had a troubled leadup to the opening round.

The English, whose notorious fans have cast a cloud over the entire championship, lost at home to Uruguay and struggled to a draw against Denmark last autumn. He is one of three players, along with Romario of Brazil and Stanislav Griga of Czechoslovakia, suspended for one World Cup match.

England has a potentially explosive attack featuring Gary Lineker, leading scorer in Mexico four years ago, and Liverpool attacker John Barnes. Waiting for his chance is the prolific Steve Bull.

### WORLD-CUP NOTEBOOK



### Table soccer

West Germany's Bodo Illgner (left) and Pierre Littbarski play a match of table soccer at the West Germany soccer practice camp in Kaiserslautern, near Botzen, late Monday afternoon. (Reuter wirephoto)



### Brehme relaxes

Andreas Brehme of West Germany relaxes in a deck chair in the park of Hotel Seehotel, at South Tyrol, during a break in the West German team's training session on Monday afternoon. (Reuter wirephoto)



### Soviet squad

**CASTELVECCHIO,** June 5. (AP): The Soviet national team arrived in Italy yesterday determined to prove it is one of the best squads in the World Cup soccer championship. "Despite some small problems with injuries, I think we can do well in Italy," head coach Valery Lobanovsky said after the team's arrival in the northwestern Italian resort of Il Ciocco.

### England defender

**CAGLIARI,** Sardinia, June 5. (AP): Nine years ago, Tony Dorigo was a soccer-mad Australian teenager who yearned to play professionally. Next week, he will be playing World Cup soccer for England.

Dorigo, now a 24-year-old left-back for English First Division club Chelsea, left his Adelaide home with his father at age 16 and travelled to England in the hope of getting a soccer trial.

"We came in 1981, just before my 16th birthday," Dorigo told the Associated Press.

### Italian team

**MARINO,** Italy, June 5. (AP): A meeting with actress Sophia Loren, a blessing from a bishop, and caustic words from coach Amadio Vicini highlighted Italy's first day of training in this ancient town.

The film star, who lives nearby on the Appian Way, brought glamour to the ceremony that officially opened the refurbished 4,500-seat stadium and training centre where the Italian team will practise before playing its first match June 9 in Rome's Olympic stadium.

"I read just about all of it,"

Maria said yesterday of the Italian newspapers. "People here don't seem to be very pleased with the way we could play. But we haven't been in the World Cup for 40 years. We can't expect to tell us we're going to be shoe-ins [certainties] for the second round."

### Austrian coach

**FLORENCE,** Italy, June 5. (AP): Austrian coach Josef Hickendorf

### Brazilian player

Brazil's World Cup player, Romario, is seen in action again during a training session in Asti, northern Italy. He is ready to play after being out for two months with a broken leg. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Star striker

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## Baseball games

NEW YORK, June 5. (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

American League		
Boston	5	NY Yankees
Baltimore	6	Milwaukee
Pittsburgh	6	Chicago Cubs
St. Louis	3	Philadelphia
San Diego	10	Houston
San Francisco	10	Cincinnati
Los Angeles	6	Atlanta

## Epsom Derby

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): The failure of an obvious favourite for tomorrow's Epsom Derby has experts still searching the form book with the French Derby providing most of the clues. Karina Bay, which was narrowly beaten early in the season by Sangamore — the winner at Chantilly on Sunday — is attracting considerable support.

## Gonzalez wins

LOS ANGELES, June 5. (Reuters): Mexico's Humberto Gonzalez easily retained his World Boxing Council light flyweight title when he stopped number-one contender Luis Montez of the United States early in the third round of a scheduled 12 round bout after two knockdowns.

## France triumph

CANBERRA, June 5. (Reuters): France scrambled to a 22-21 win over Australian Capital Territory (ACT) in the second game of their eight-match rugby union tour today after leading by seven points at half-time.

## Fans punished

BEIJING, June 5. (Reuters): Chinese police have "criticised, educated and fined" 12 rowdy rock fans as a lesson for potential troublemakers during the Asian Games, an official newspaper said today. One fan "stripped off his jacket and, barring his torso, waved his straw hat in the air and yelled continuously," the Legal Daily said. Another tried to light a fire during a recent concert by Star, a visiting Soviet pop group.

## Malaysian players

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, June 5. (AP): Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad welcomed home the Malaysian badminton team yesterday, promising all six players and coach Han Jian a car for their second-place finish to China in the Thomas Cup.

## Napa confident

TOKYO, June 5. (AP): Thailand's Napa Katwanchai is confident of winning back the World Boxing Council straw-weight title when he fights champion Hideyuki Ohashi of Japan this week, the challenger's manager said yesterday. The 12-round title match is scheduled Friday at Tokyo's Korakuen Hall.

## Greece suspended

ROME, June 5. (Reuters): Greece was suspended from all international soccer competitions involving national teams or clubs today for breaking Fifa regulations.

Sepp Blatter, general secretary of Fifa, the sport's governing body, said Greece would not be able to play international matches, including European championship qualifiers, and its teams could not take part in European club competitions until the national soccer federation changed its constitution.

Blatter also said Jordan had been suspended for six months and fined 10,000 Swiss francs (\$7,000) for organising an international tournament without Fifa approval.



Chang walks off the court after his defeat. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Graf, Seles in semifinals

## Agassi tames Chang

PARIS, June 5. (AP): Andre Agassi, wearing one of his trademark outfits of hot pink, overpowered defending-champion Michael Chang in French Open quarterfinals today, beating his compatriot from the United States 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

The third-seeded Agassi reached his fourth Grand Slam semifinal and his second in three years on a game of sheer power.

Two streaks — five consecutive games won in the first set and the last six in the second — put Agassi in a dominating position. He finished the match by breaking Chang with a sledgehammer backhand volley.

Top-ranked Steffi Graf shook off a mid-match charge by Conchita Martinez and reached the women's semifinals of her 14th consecutive Grand Slam tournament. Graf opened the day of six quarterfinals with a 6-1, 6-3 victory.

Monica Seles, the second seed and the hottest player in tennis, survived a scare to win her 30th consecutive match. She rallied from a 1-4 deficit in the third set to beat sixth-seeded Manuela Malteva 3-6, 6-1, 7-5. Malteva, who hit herself in the head with her racket on a second-set shot, was two points from victory at 5-4, 0-30, when Seles took off to win the final three games.

The Agassi-Chang matchup looked as if it would offer a close contest. Agassi quickly took charge but Chang made a late run before strength won out.

The top-ranked player in the

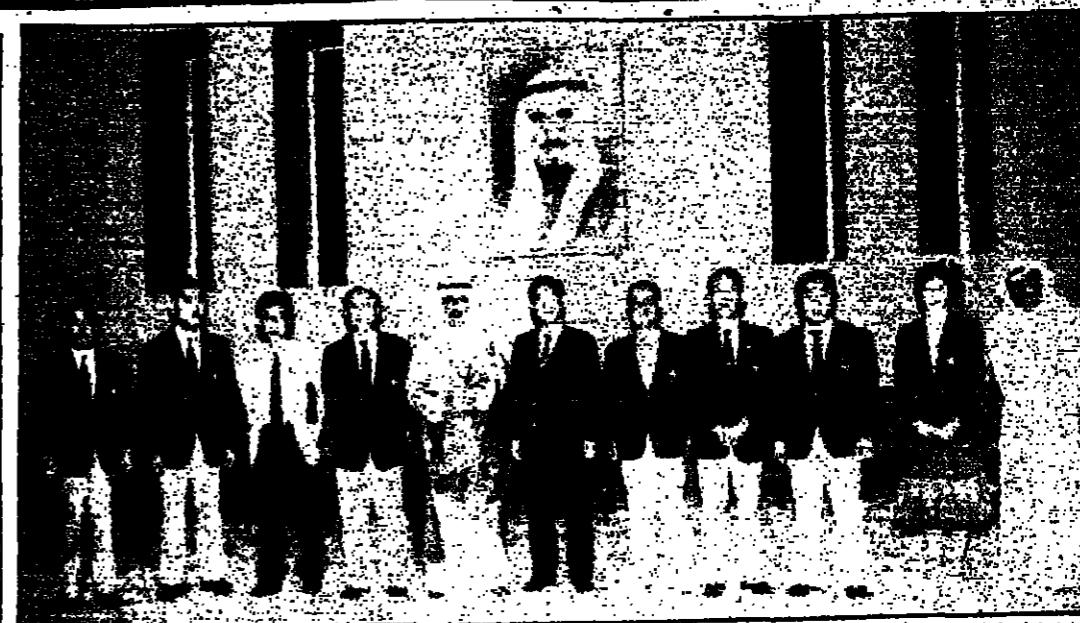
tournament after first-round upsets of Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker, the 20-year-old from Las Vegas, Nevada, broke for a 2-1 lead and won five games in a row before Chang came back from 0-30 to hold for 5-2. Agassi then held for the first set.

Since losing a five-setter to Mats Wilander in the semifinals in Paris two years ago, Agassi has taken on a strenuous training programme to improve his power and stamina. The results showed in the second set.

Agassi pounded groundstrokes deep into the corners, running Chang out of position then coming to the net for winning volleys. He had Chang in constant trouble, even when the 11th seed saved a break point and held serve in the first game.

Results

1-Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat 9-Conchita Martinez (Spain) 6-1, 6-3.  
2-Monica Seles (USA) beat 13-Manon Bollegraf/Raffaella Reggi (Netherlands/Italy) 7-6(7-3), 6-1.  
3-Sandra Cecchinat/Patricia Tarabini (Italy/Argentina) beat Elena Pampoulova/Wlfrid Probst (Bulgaria/W.Germany) 6-2, 6-1.  
4-Nicole Provis/Elsa Reinach (Australia/South Africa) beat 15-Jeanne Fahey/Rachel McQuillan (Australia) 6-3, 6-4.  
5-Andre Agassi (USA) beat 11-Michael Chang (USA) 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.  
6-Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) beat 6-Manuela Malteva (Switzerland) 6-3, 6-5.  
7-Mercedes Paz/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Argentina/Spain) beat 10-Natalia Medvedeva/Lilia Moshkina (Soviet Union) 6-4, 6-3.



Sheikh Meshal (centre) with the Japanese delegation.

## Referees seminar opens

THE 8th Asia Karate Referees Course and Technical Seminar, organised by Apuko, opened in Kuwait yesterday in the Shameya Hall of the Kuwait International Hotel.

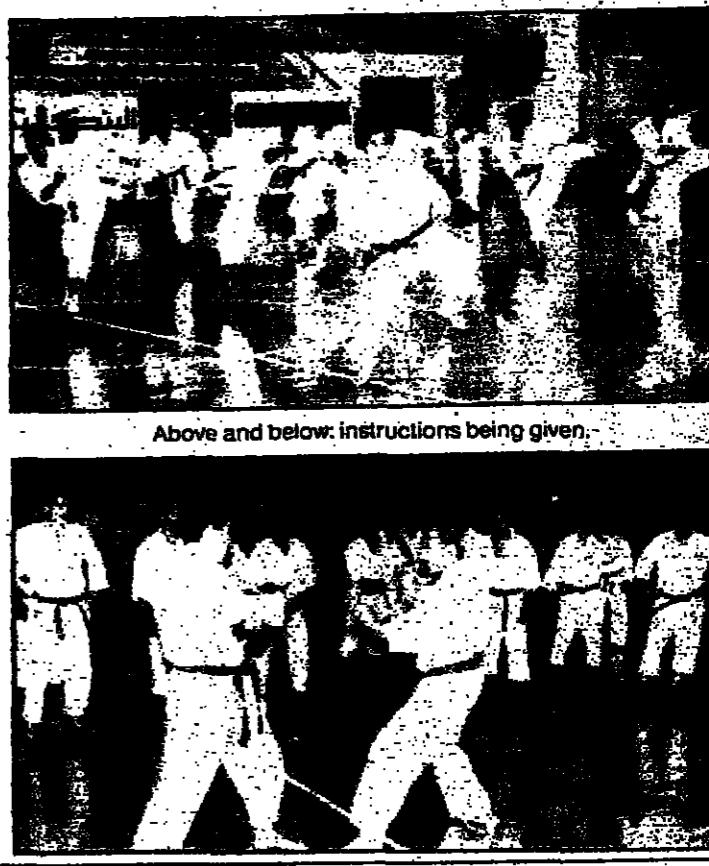
This seminar has attracted a very large gathering of karate experts from Japan and other countries.

The participants were welcomed to Kuwait by Sheikh Meshal Al Jarrah Al Sabah. Sheikh Meshal thanked all of them for coming to Kuwait to attend the seminar, especially Yamazaki, the secretary-general of WUKO.

Sheikh Meshal, who is the president of the Kuwait Karate Federation, said this was the 8th seminar being conducted by his federation and the third since he was elected to the present post.

A number of karate personalities addressed the gathering on the opening day, including Tommy Morris, the chairman of the International Referees Council.

Japan is being represented at the seminar by an eight-member team. While the seminar continues through to June 11, the Apuko executive bureau will hold its meeting on June 8/9.



Above and below: instructions being given.



## Egypt on patriotic mission'

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): President Hosni Mubarak told Egypt's World Cup soccer finalists they were on a patriotic mission that could enhance the country's international standing.

"Consider yourselves on a patriotic mission," Mubarak told the team a day before they were to leave for Italy, where the World Cup kicks off on Friday.

"Exert all possible effort, put up a distinguished performance and show up in a respectable way to raise Egypt's head up high in front of the world," Mubarak added.

The first Egyptian team to qualify for the World Cup finals since 1962, is trying to shake off slight injuries to key defenders Andres Escobar and Carlos Mario Hoyos before their opening match on Saturday.

The pair have been undergoing physiotherapy for leg injuries but manager Francisco Maturana said today he was not worried about them.



A worker paves the pitch of the Milan Meazza Stadium today to prepare the site for the opening World Cup match. (Reuters wirephoto) See also Page 9.

## Ahmadi kart drivers receive trophies

THE annual award presentation of the Ahmadi Kart Club was held recently. The majority of the club attended along with prospective karters and sponsors; notably the clubs long-standing sponsor Imad Mahdi Habib of Mahdi Habib Commercial Establishment and Ibrahim Al Hajemi of Emirates airlines.

The evening started off with a superb buffet, catered by the SAS Hotel, followed by the award presentation and disco. Mahmoud Somali, president of Kuwait Oil Company and Ahmadi Kart Club, attended and presented the trophies to the drivers. The first three places in each event went to the following drivers.

Kuwait National Drivers Championship: 1st David Haines; 2nd Simon Lloyd; 3rd Peter Frieseneger.

Ahmadi Challenge Cup: 1st Simon Lloyd; 2nd David Haines; 3rd Peter Frieseneger.

Novice Championship: 1st Peter Wakely; 2nd Neil Gardiner; 3rd Ray Washer.

Ladies Championship: 1st Sandra Gardiner; 2nd Norma Haines; 3rd Bernadette Frieseneger.

Special thanks go to Mike Rees for hosting the event. Also to David Rogers who stood in as Master of Ceremonies at such short notice, John Ogilvie, Ray and Yvonne Washer, Neil Linda and Sandra Gardiner and David

Burfoot who all helped to organise the event, and made it the success it was.

Next season gets under way in September and looks like it will be a very promising one for the club with the introduction of new classes. Those interested in joining the club or wanting further information on Karting, call the club's public relations member — David Burfoot — telephone: 2401802/3/4.

Final positions for the 1989/90 season are as follows:

KNDC: 1st D. Haines; 2nd S.

Lloyd; 3rd P. Frieseneger; 4th P. Wakely; 5th T. Bollig; 6th N.

Gardiner; 7th M. Snell; 8th R.

Washer; 9th T. Colclough; 10th K.

Dick; 11th D. Wheeler; 12th B.

Aki; 13th N. Hogaian; 14th M.

Schwingenschloggl; 15th J.

Lange; 16th I. Stevenson; 17th C.

Egglington; 18th N. Hogaian.

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Ladies: 1st S. Gardiner; 2nd N.

Haines; 3rd B. Frieseneger.



Sandra (left), Wakely (2nd left), Lloyd (3rd left) and Haines receive their trophies from Mahmoud Somali.

## Lewis dispels injury doubts

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): England all-rounder Chris Lewis looked to have proved his fitness for this week's first Test against New Zealand by rescuing Leicestershire from an innings defeat by Hampshire yesterday.

The 22-year-old, whose first full Test appearance has been threatened by a thigh injury, followed up an unbeaten 36 in his county's first innings with an unbeaten 40 when they followed on 171 behind Hampshire's 349 for seven declared.

By the close of the second day of their three-day match, Leicestershire were 189 for five.

"He has to tell (England manager) Micky Stewart tomorrow whether he'll be fit enough to practise with England on Wednesday, but it's looking hopeful," Leicestershire manager Bobby Simpson said.

At Bristol England wicket-keeper Jack Russell played himself into fine batting form for Thursday's Test with his first championship century.

A spokesman confirmed a report in the Communist Party newspaper *L'Unità* which said ministry inspectors had found several aspects of the 80,000-seat stadium's design fell short of legal safety requirements.

These included emergency access tunnels below the legal minimum height for fire engines, inadequate escape routes for spectators and tiering of irregular height and width.

At Horsham Sussex 235 in 97.1 overs and 57 for one. Lancashire 220 in 94.1 overs (M. Atherton 76, G. Fowler 54 not out, M. Watkinson 51, P. Abbott 42, A. Donald six not out).

At Tunbridge Wells: Nottinghamshire 477 for seven declared in 109.3 overs. Kent 275 in 91 overs (S. Marsh 114 not out) and 37 for two.

At Leicester: Hampshire 349 for seven declared in 94 overs. Leicestershire 324 in 91.5 overs (D. Whetton 76, G. Fowler 54 not out, M. Watkinson 51, P. Abbott 42, A. Donald six not out).

At Tunbridge Wells: Gloucestershire 381 for seven declared in 123.2 overs (R. Rossell 102, K. Curran 103 not out, I. Butcher 41, G. Rose four for 78).

At Edgbaston Warwickshire 202 in 55 overs for 89 for five. Northants 118 for eight declared in 96 overs (D. Capel 51, G. Lamb 48, R. Bailey 40 not out).

At the Park: Glamorgan 388 for seven declared in 99 overs and 10 for no wicket. Oxfordshire 216 in 79.2 overs (M. Grayson 67, D. Curtis 43, D. Hagan 43, S. Bastien four for 51).